

Yundeffs may be flown by El Al after Lufthansa plane fiasco

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N-GURION AIRPORT. — Police were reportedly planning to take another try today at flying the Yundeffs and their mother, El Al — following their last-minute failure on the runway yesterday.

But the Boeing 747 ground to a halt after it had begun taxiing and the captain let the three Yundeffs off, saying he could not take them against their will.

Police then whisked the boys (together with their mother) off the field. The Southern District Commander, Nitzav Arye, Ivizan, said last night that the three, who have been evading for a year a High Court order upholding the German court, were at a police installation in Ne'urim, near Kfar Sava. He showed reporters an order issued by Tel Aviv Magistrate David Bar-Ophir at the request of the father's

attorney, ordering that Menahem, 9 and Dov, 8, be flown to Germany by El Al.

He refused angrily even to comment on reports that the boys will be tranquillized for the flight. (Mrs. Yundeff's attorney, Shlomo Cohen-Zidon, yesterday appealed to the International Air Transport Association not to fly the children and their mother if they are put under sedation.)

An unidentified police source said last night that the attempt to fly the boys out by El Al would be made today. A source close to the Yundeffs meanwhile said last night that the El Al pilots association would refuse to take them on board.

Yesterday's drama on the runway was the latest episode in a story which seemed settled after the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that the boys be sent to Berlin "without delay."

The police had prepared for the children's departure nearly as they do for the many departures of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Dozens of policemen and Border Police were used to cordon off the entrance to the airport, and persons and entering had to go through three police checkpoints.

Newsmen were given passes to a wrong area, and it took your reporter nearly an hour to get to the cordoned Lufthansa plane, and only after much effort.

By then it was after 3 p.m. and all the passengers save the Yundeffs had boarded. Policemen cordoning off the immediate area were a good deal less than polite to the press, one senior officer saying: "If you all weren't here they'd have to come to set up in front of and would go on board quietly."

Some policemen stood in front of photographers to block their view, and when a "Haolam Haseh" photographer protested he was roughly handled and his camera fell to the ground.

At 3.15 p.m. a police car came up carrying policemen and Mrs. Yundeff. She kissed and hugged her two brothers and then to the Ben-Artzi, and told reporters in a choked voice, "We couldn't sleep all night." Her children had been taken away from her at 8 a.m., (Continued on page 5, col. 6)



me at plane's gangway as the Yundeff boys and their mother ascended — as shown on TV last night. (Webs)

Algeria, Morocco near open war

Shuttle mediation by Arabs

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The threat of open war between Algeria and Morocco loomed yesterday following the third consecutive day of clashes over the control of the Western Sahara which aim plans to relinquish to Morocco and neighbouring Mauritania.

February 28. The Algerian-Moroccan conflict was viewed to be one of the worst internal troubles the Arab world, whose post-73 war unity has been ruptured on various fronts.

The confrontation in North Africa has deepened the disarray with the Arab world which had been shaken by the 10-month-long civil war in Lebanon, now healing its wounds amidst the ruins of a one-state sovereign state.

Both the Algerian-Moroccan conflict and that in Lebanon came on top of a feud that has been splitting Egypt and Syria ever since

the two suspended their 1973 military alliance and embarked on a political war in the Middle East conflict.

As the Arab League seemed helpless, representatives of individual Arab governments shuttled yesterday between Algeria and Morocco amid pledges to mediate in the Saharan conflict. These representatives included Egyptian Vice-President Husni Mubarak, Syrian Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Hafez Shababi and Iraq's Information Minister Tarek Aziz.

Algerian President Houari Boumedienne yesterday reiterated his opposition to a Sahara takeover by Morocco and Mauritania under a pact concluded with Spain last November. He vowed that Algeria would continue to support the desert independence movement "Politically."

Amnesty for Beirut army deserters

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami last night announced a general amnesty for army deserters, indicating at the same time that the government's forces had been split over the ten-month-long civil war.

In a statement broadcast over Beirut Radio, Karami said that Lebanon had "passed through difficult military and social circumstances which forced some members of the army into positions which prevented them from performing their national duty." The Lebanese premier, who is also defence minister, said deserters would not be punished if they reported to their units within three days, from today.

The premier's remarks provided the first official admission that troops of the country's 16,000-man army had joined one or other of the warring Christian or Moslem groups in the fighting.

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Reduced Israel aid enough for security — White House

GENEVA PARLEY SEEN BLOCKED

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WASHINGTON. — Although Prime Minister Rabin proposed to President Ford an immediate reconvening of the Geneva peace talks, with its original membership, senior Israeli sources here conceded yesterday that recent actions by Syria, the Soviet Union and the PLO indicate that another conference will be blocked.

Winding up three days of talks with the President, Rabin was said to have stressed that a reconvened Geneva conference was the next logical step. But this now appears unlikely, because of the Syrian-Soviet demand that the PLO be seated. Israel and the U.S. reject this demand.

Israel and the U.S., the sources said, will continue their consultations to determine the best direction for diplomatic movement. Apparently, additional talks will be necessary.

The sources said that Rabin was satisfied with the official meetings with the President, including the decision taken on the

political, military and economic fronts. They added that Rabin had received satisfactory answers from the President on important arms issues, although the Israeli side did not win 100 per cent agreement on all items.

On economic aid, it seems that Israel is now considerably more concerned with the fate of its pending fiscal 1976 aid programme — \$2.24b. in economic and military assistance — than with the 1977 fiscal year bill, which the Administration will submit to Congress next month.

It has become apparent that the President did not agree to increase the \$1b. military aid recommendation for Israel that was included in his fiscal 1977 budget released last week. But Israeli sources suggested that the Prime Minister may not even have asked Ford to do this, since other more immediate issues were of greater concern to Israel.

On the political front, the sources said there is absolutely no difference of opinion between the U.S. and Israel regarding re-

cognition of the PLO. They said the U.S. like Israel, is interested in "neutralizing" the terrorist organization. The U.S. understands that every victory for the PLO is a defeat for Washington.

The sources insisted that the Palestinian issue was not a major problem between Washington and Jerusalem, and that the U.S. and Israel are working together to oppose the PLO. Nevertheless, it remains clear here in Washington that the two sides have not reached complete agreement on other political issues.

The Israeli sources downplayed Secretary of State Kissinger's proposal for an informal preparatory conference to precede Geneva. The sources said this was not a serious proposal but merely a "gimmick."

Regarding a possible visit by President Ford to the Middle East, the Israeli sources said Israel did not have the impression that the President had reached a final decision on that issue.

Ford, Rabin hold third conference

WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Rabin and President Ford yesterday ended three days of talks with an unscheduled meeting — and the White House later described a reduced U.S. aid package as fully adequate for Israel's security.

Hinting strongly that military and economic assistance was being cut back from this year's proposed level of \$2,300m., presidential spokesman Ron Nessen said President Ford believed that the programme for 1977 "is fully adequate to meet Israel's future security requirements."

Nessen also said that Ford has "accepted in principle" invitations to visit Israel, Egypt and Syria but no timetable for such travel has been set. Secretary of State Kissinger has indicated that Ford may make a trip to the Middle East the latter part of April.

The White House spokesman acknowledged that the President's new budget called for \$1,000m. in military aid to Israel in the 1977 financial year — a cut of \$500m. on this year's level. He said that the \$1,000m. "is only part of the total assistance to Israel" — presumably referring to economic aid to be added to the total package.

He added that future aid to Israel was to be based not only on Israel's needs but also "on America's own economic situation."

Nessen said Mr. Rabin had been informed of the amount in the new aid programme before he arrived in the U.S. but the President would not disclose it until he sent in his aid requests for all Middle East countries in the middle of February.

Nessen said that in the concluding meeting, the President also "reiterated support for the security of Israel."

"We have the impression that Israel remains committed to peace efforts in the Middle East," said Nessen. "One of the purposes of the discussions was to see how practical progress can be made." He said it was not going to be possible to offer specifics on aid until the President sends his foreign aid message to Congress in mid-February.

Nessen said now is the time for "quiet diplomacy to go forward." Nessen said the U.S. emphasis on its commitment to the security of Israel did not mean that the large amounts of military aid given during the 1973 war would be maintained.

He said U.S. aid to Israel had increased from about \$500m. a year to some \$2,000m. annually "but it was not contemplated that the elevation (in aid) ... would become a permanent level."

Both leaders were unsmiling as they walked from the President's office across the White House lawn to Mr. Rabin's limousine. From the White House, the Prime Minister drove to Congress to meet members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will play a key role in determining how much military aid Israel will receive in the 1977 financial year beginning on October 1.

Rabin conferred for more than an hour with the Committee. On leaving he told newsmen: "I appreciate the opportunity that was given to me to speak before the Committee. I think we've had a very interesting talk. I don't believe I can add any details."

(Reuters, AP)

U.S. news media cool to Rabin's speech

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Rabin, Secretary of State Kissinger and Ambassador Simha Dinitz held an informal 20-minute discussion after the envoy's black-tie dinner party held in the Premier's honour on Wednesday night.

During his dinner toast, Kissinger stressed that the U.S. and Israel did not face any "immediate" crisis in the Middle East, but should nevertheless find the best way to maintain diplomatic movement.

Kissinger again referred to America's Security Council veto on Monday blocking adoption of a one-sided anti-Israel resolution.

Top Administration officials attended the Dinitz dinner, but not the President. In addition to Kissinger, Under-Secretary of State Sisco, Treasury Secretary Simon,

Assistant Secretary Atherton and outgoing CIA director William Colby attended the function. There were about 50 guests present.

Security was tight at the National Press Building during Rabin's luncheon address yesterday. Secret service agents and local police surrounded the buildings and all the entrances. On Wednesday, a false bomb scare forced several hundred people to evacuate the building.

There has been tight security everywhere Rabin and his party have travelled. Outside Blair House, Rabin's official residence here, security officials have blocked the sidewalk in front of the building to pedestrian traffic.

Police and U.S. secret service (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

S.A. build-up in Namibia attacked

UNITED NATIONS. — Members of the UN Security Council proposed formally yesterday that it condemn a South African military build-up in Namibia (South West Africa), and "any utilization of the territory as a base for attacks on neighbouring countries."

The resolution was submitted just before the fourth meeting of the Council in a debate on Namibia that began on Tuesday morning. It did not mention Angola, though several speakers have talked of South African incursions into that country from Namibia and of Soviet and Cuban intervention there.

(AP)

K wants overt aid for Angola

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said yesterday that the Administration is considering asking Congress for overt financial aid for anti-Soviet factions in Angola.

Kissinger told the Senate foreign relations sub-committee on African affairs that the Soviet Union's massive and unprecedented intervention in Angola "is a matter of urgent concern."

In Moscow the Soviet Union indicated yesterday that it would

endorse a coalition government in Angola "of all the patriotic forces working for genuine independence and free development of their country."

Dr. Kissinger told the Senate sub-committee: "The effort of the Soviet Union and Cuba to take unilateral advantage of a turbulent local situation where they have never had any historic interests is a wilful, direct assault upon recent constructive trends in U.S.-Soviet relations and our efforts to improve relations with Cuba. Those who have acted so recklessly must be made to see that their conduct is unacceptable."

Kissinger said that peace in the world required a sense of security that depends upon some form of equilibrium between the great powers. And that equilibrium is impossible unless the U.S. remains both strong and determined to use its strength when required. This is our historic responsibility, for no other nation has the capacity to act in this way.

"If a continent such as Africa, only recently freed from external oppression, can be made the arena for great power ambitions... then all we have hoped for in building a more stable and rational international order is in jeopardy."

The Angola war marked the first time that the U.S. had failed to respond to Soviet military moves outside their immediate orbit, and the first time that Congress had halted executive action in meeting that kind of threat, said Dr. Kissinger.

The Soviet call for a settlement in Angola came in the official government daily, "Izvestia," which reaffirmed Moscow's support of the Popular Movement (MPLA) front as the "legitimate government" of Angola, but stressed the need for a peaceful settlement there.

The statement comes at a time when the Moscow-backed faction is making considerable gains on the military front.

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Haifa	34	12-23	6-18
Tiberias	41	9-23	6-19
Nazareth	40	10-23	6-19
Afula	36	11-21	6-18
Shomron	31	11-21	6-18
Tel Aviv	35	16-24	9-19
B-G Airport	21	11-26	7-20
Jericho	30	11-26	7-20
Gaza	46	18-26	9-20
Beerseba	15	10-24	7-19
Eilat	37	11-25	9-21
Tiran	35	14-25	11-21

Social and Personal

The Israel Museum's "Technology is Fun" exhibit opened officially yesterday at Haifa's Basmat trade school. President was Mayor Yerubim Zeisel, Western German Ambassador Per Fischer, Deutsches Museum director Theo Stiller, Technion president Amos Horov, Haifa University president Eliezer Rafaili, and Labour Ministry Director-General Arye Gurel.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will hear Norwegian Ambassador Odd Jacobsen on "When Oil Came to Norway" at today's meeting — a Ladies' Luncheon. Time, 1.15 p.m.; place, the ZOA House, Tel Aviv.

DEPARTURES

Ephraim Svirsky, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, is leaving to help prepare for Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's official visit there in March.

Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Duda, for Europe, on a fund-raising mission (by El Al).

Knesset Member Binjamin Halevi (Izd.), for Geneva, to take part in a symposium held by the Interparliamentary Union and the Centre for Parliamentary Documentation on "Who legislates in the Modern World".

Police officer cleared in crime probe

TEL AVIV. — Rav-Pakad Yehuda Segalovitz, suspended head of the Jerusalem police special branch, will be brought before a police disciplinary board for minor violation of regulations, as he has committed no crime requiring prosecution in court.

This was the recommendation of the Attorney-General, after he studied the findings of a special inquiry team which looked into suspicious raids on black-market currency dealers in Jerusalem last month.

THE FIRST Jewish day-care centre, within the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, was officially opened last week by Moetzet Hapoelet/Pioneer Women.

Allon warns Arabs of subversion by terrorists

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

FOREIGN MINISTER Yigal Allon warned yesterday that the role played by the Palestine Arab terror gangs in the Lebanese civil war, as tools for Syrian subversion, might well be repeated in the future in other Arab states.

Replying to three motions for the agenda, which were referred to Committee, the Foreign Minister said that "others stood behind Syria" in this subversive activity. He seemed to be hinting at more distant countries. The communal strife in Lebanon had no connection with the interests of the Palestinians, he noted.

The sad fate of Lebanon reveals the emptiness of the PLO's propaganda slogan about a "multi-community, secular, democratic state." Allon said that if ever anybody believed in this slogan in good faith, he would do well at present to contemplate the fate of the one and only multi-community state in the Middle East, mainly at the hands of those who brandished that same slogan.

The Minister said that, whereas the Lebanese Muslims had been assisted by outside forces, the Lebanese Christians had been abandoned by their so-called friends abroad. Nobody raised the issue in the Security Council. Nobody raised his voice in the Christians' favour, or did anything to help.

Allon said that Israel was not concerned with the domestic situation in Lebanon but solely with its own vital interests of security. In public statements, as well as through other effective means, we have made it clear that a Syrian invasion of Lebanon would cause grave harm to Israel's own security interests. This proved to have been an important factor — perhaps the most important — in deterring Syria from such an invasion, and from annexing Lebanon in order to realize its dream of a "Greater Syria." Israel was watching vigilantly to see whether Syria was observing its commitment.

The outcome of the civil war had created another danger, the Minister said. There was a greater risk now of the terrorists taking over Southern Lebanon, to transform it into a base for terror operations. Israel would not turn a blind eye to this danger if it took shape, Allon warned. Israel would continue to consider itself free to

take whatever measures the circumstances dictated to ensure its security interests and the welfare of its population.

He said that Israel extended its condolences to the Lebanese people which sustained some 10,000 dead and 30,000 injured — most of them defenceless civilians — in the midst of a cruel civil war before the eyes of an indifferent world.

Shmuel Tamir (Likud-Free Centre) said in his motion that the Government's repeated warnings about the Syrian threat had become empty. If political or other considerations dictated non-intervention, he said, this should have been determined in advance, and threats should have been avoided. No greater danger existed than Israel's loss of credibility in this respect, Tamir said.

Israel must demand the evacuation of the PLO, Tamir said.

The moral was that if the Christian world ignored the slaughter of its co-religionists in Lebanon, how would it behave in the face of a pan-Arab-plus-Soviet invasion of Israel?

Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) said that Israel had stood aside while Syria took over Lebanon. After 25 years of de-facto neutrality, Lebanon would now become a spearhead against Israel under the domination of Syria and the Palestine terrorists. The entry of the PLO had changed Israel's strategic and geo-political situation, he said.

In September 1970, during the civil war in Jordan, Israel had reacted resolutely to a Syrian threat against Jordan. Ben-Meir recalled Israel moved troops and took other measures. This deterred Syria. But now we had done nothing at all apart from talking, Ben-Meir complained.

David Coren (Alignment-Labour, who lives in Western Galilee, said the border villagers had faith in the IDF, but they could not avoid disquiet at the developments in Lebanon. Israel must prepare for the eventualities of Southern Lebanon becoming a staging ground for Syrian forces preparing for a decisive battle, he warned. The border settlers need more defence arrangements and more shelters, Coren said.

The Lebanese Christians had been abandoned to the Moslem slaughter like the Kurds, the Armenians and the Assyrians before them, he said. The Communists voted against the motions while Moslem abstained.

El Al: Heth report backs airline's stand

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al claimed yesterday that the Government-appointed committee investigating charter flights to Israel had upheld the airline's position opposing charter flights.

Although the Heth Committee recommended trying charter flights on a controlled and selective basis, El Al President Mordechai Ben-Ari said the committee "clearly supported the airline's claim that Israel's air connections must be based on flights by regular airlines and the country's need for a strong national carrier."

Ben-Ari said the findings showed "no significant difference" between fares on charter and group flights on route flown by El Al. The Heth report said charter flights would be 10-30 per cent cheaper than the lowest available group fares.

The El Al President stated that charter flights would not be a panacea for tourism problems. It was the absence of such flights which caused a decline in tourism but "other reasons," he said. He pointed out that the committee quoted complaints by tour organizers of the standards of service and prices here.

Ben-Ari stressed that the committee had rejected the Ministry of Tourism proposal to cancel limitations on groups flights for Christian pilgrims and permit charter flights from European countries not served by El Al.

Ben-Ari also rejected criticism of El Al services by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol. Ben-Ari said services were improving and were on a par "with the most advanced international airlines."

Kol urges Gov't approval of charter flight report

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

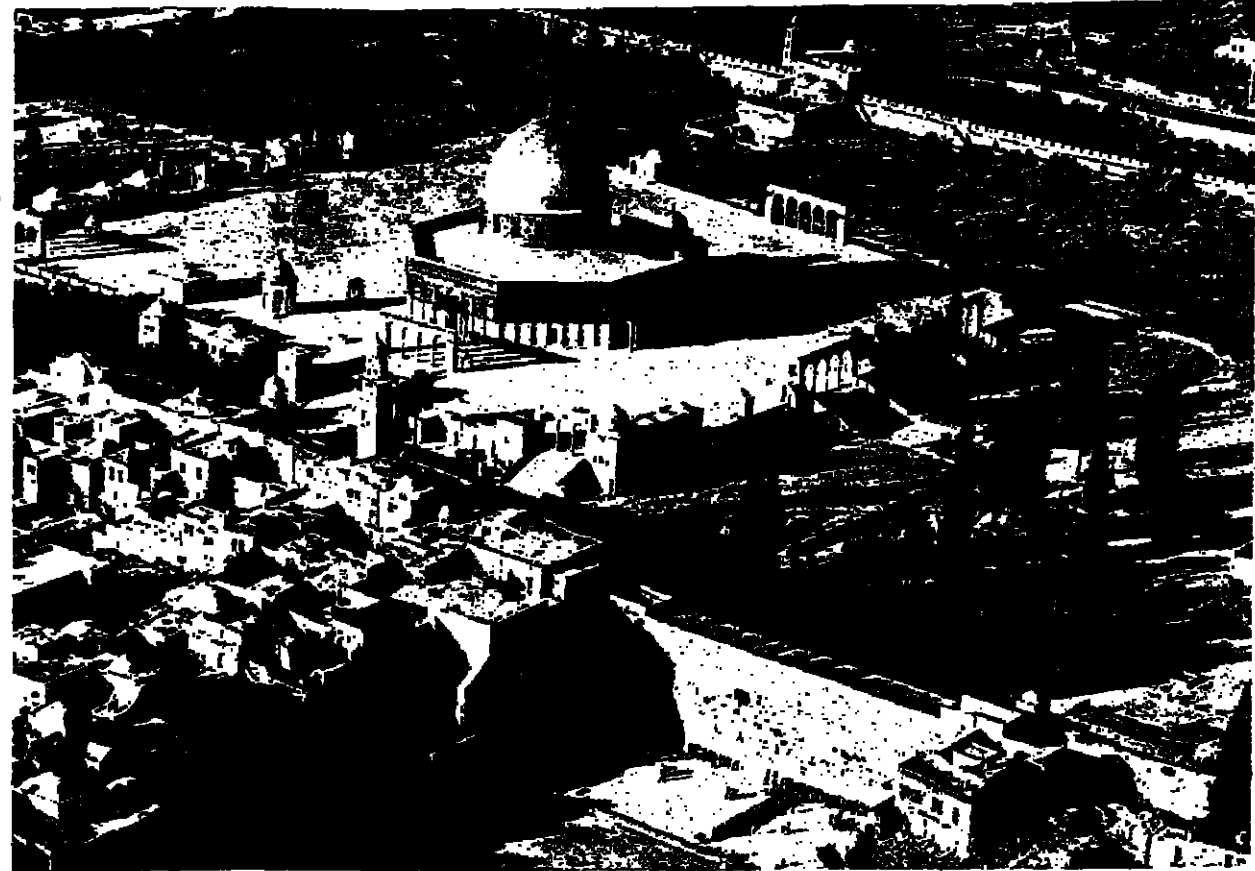
TEL AVIV. — Tourism Minister Moshe Kol expects the Government to decide next month on the recommendations of the Heth Committee report, which called for the extension of selective and controlled charter flights to Israel. At a press conference yesterday at Beit Sokolov, he urged full endorsement of the report.

The Government-appointed committee found that Israel's present aviation policy constituted an obstacle to development of new tourism markets and exploitation of the tourist industry's full potential. The Minister said he agreed with the Heth Committee in that it was being conservative when it estimated that charter flights could increase tourism in the peak season by up to 30 per cent. He was confident that the actual increase could be greater, particularly when charter operators opened new markets hitherto untouched by scheduled airlines.

Kol advised El Al to end its sterile debate on the question of charter operations, and either organize a sister company to operate charters or enter the charter field by other means. (See El Al story, this page.)

In reply to a question as to whether he believed that the men now directing policy in El Al and the Transport Ministry could implement a new aviation policy, in view of their consistent opposition to charter flights, the minister said he could not imagine they would do otherwise.

On the question of Israel's capacity to accommodate increased tourism, Kol said there was no question that hotels and ground services were fully adequate to handle the estimated increase. He



The Temple Mount — holy to Jews and Moslems. The Dome of the Rock is in the centre. Just below the Mount, in foreground, is the Western Wall. (Newspix)

'BAN EXISTS ONLY SINCE 1967'

Judge rules: Jews have right to pray on Temple Mount

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem magistrate ruled yesterday that Jews have the right to pray on the Temple Mount.

The decision is certain to create a political storm in Jerusalem and is likely to have international repercussions as well.

The ruling by Magistrate's Court Judge Ruth Or was given in a case involving eight youths of the Batar organization accused of disturbing the peace when they and about 30 others attempted to pray on the Temple Mount on Independence Day, last May.

They were confronted by Arab youths who demanded that they leave. Some of the Arabs began throwing stones. Jewish and Arab police stationed on the Mount ordered the Jews off. When they refused, they were removed forcibly; said 12 were arrested. Four of them, under 18, were acquitted earlier in Juvenile Court.

Judge Or expressed astonishment at the testimony of Arab policemen that they had orders forbidding Jews from praying on the Temple Mount. One of them said these orders had existed only under Israeli administration. "There were tourists before 1967," he said, "but I never heard that it was forbidden for them to pray on the Temple Mount."

Said Judge Or: "If I hadn't heard this with my own ears, I wouldn't have believed it — that the ban on Jews praying on the Temple Mount exists only since the Israel Government controls it. Since the site is holy to members of the two religions, the Ministry for Religious Affairs, in order to prevent disturbances, should have drawn up regulations clarifying who has the right of prayer, where and when."

Under the law, members of all faiths are guaranteed free access to their holy places. The law, however, does not specify which site is holy to which religion.

The Temple Mount lies, symbolically at least, at the very heart of the Israeli-Arab controversy. The destruction of the Second Temple 1,900 years ago has not diminished its position as the most holy site of the Jews. Since the construction on the Mount of the Dome of the

Rock and Al-Aksa Mosque, in the Seventh Century, it has been the third most holy site in Islam.

What has prevented the two rival claims for the Mount from coming to a head following the Israeli victory in the Six Day War has been political caution on the part of the Israeli authorities and Jewish Hakko (religious law), which forbids Jews from setting foot on the Temple Mount until the Messiah's return heralds the rebuilding of the Temple.

Referring to this law, Mayor Teddy Kollek said last month that it pointed the way to a political settlement that could last until the Messiah's coming, with the Moslems retaining practical control of the Mount.

Some Orthodox Jews, however, have maintained that Hakko forbids Jews only from standing where the Temple had stood, and that there are parts of the Temple Mount which cannot have been part of the Temple site. Among those who have maintained this

in the past is the present Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren.

Nationalist groups which have been attempting pray-ins on the Mount periodically since 1967 are less inhibited by religious considerations. Last night, Likud City Council member Gershon Solomon informed The Jerusalem Post that he is planning to organize a pray-in in the wake of Judge Or's ruling.

The far-reaching decision by the magistrate, who has been on the bench for barely a year, seems almost certain to be appealed because of its political repercussions.

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he could not reach a night for comment.

Judge Or also condemned the police for beating the Batar youths who were peacefully praying, and not interfering with the Arab youths, who were throwing stones. In moving against the Jewish youths, she said, the police were themselves violating the law permitting free access to holy places.

War veterans call for Soviets to let Jews leave

Jerusalem Post Staff

The World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans yesterday "reminded Soviet Russia of the sacrifices made by patriotic Jewish citizens during World War II" and urged the Kremlin to let Jews leave if they wished to do so and to "allow social freedom."

This call came in a resolution endorsed by the assembly, which will end today.

Another resolution recalled the martyrdom of three million Polish Jews and urged the Polish Government "to comply with its promise to erect a pavilion in Auschwitz in memory of the Jewish victims."

The resolution also condemned the Polish authorities for the recent removal of the last remaining wall of the Warsaw Ghetto.

In other resolutions, the assembly called for recognition of Magen David Adom under the Geneva Conventions, condemned the UN anti-Zionist resolutions, supported Israel's demand for peace within defensible borders, and called on "our brothers in arms, the world community, and the governments of all countries to stand firm against acts of terrorism."

Earlier in the day, Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar played the UN for doing nothing "effective to curb international terrorism while at the same time inviting terrorists to participate in its deliberations."

"The UN has actually condoned and furthered terrorism and the belief that crime does indeed pay," Justice Shamgar said. He predicted that the spread of terrorism might lead to the weakening of the international rules of warfare and also to an increase of criminality inside countries.

The U.S. branch of the Jewish War Veterans announced yesterday that it will not rescind its travel boycott of Mexico, although the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, to which the veterans belong, has called off the boycott. The announcement was made by Judge Paul Ribner, national commander, who is attending the assembly, at Jerusalem's Hilton Hotel.

The boycott was launched after Mexico voted on November 10 in favour of the UN resolution denouncing Zionism as racism.

In the Yom Kippur War, Erez was a battalion commander in the brigade which bore the brunt of the Syrian attack. He played a major role in blocking the attack and in evacuating trapped Israeli soldiers and wounded from the area occupied by the Syrians in the first days of the war.

Erez helped the remnants of his badly battered brigade organize and took part in the Israeli counter-offensive. He was one of the few officers of his brigade to emerge alive and unhurt from the war. However, while escorting UN officers soon after the cease-fire, his vehicle hit a mine and he was seriously wounded.

After many months in hospital, he recovered and took a year's study leave. He rejoined the Armoured Corps and was appointed deputy brigade commander.

Erez was a graduate of the military academy at the Herta Reiz school and of the IDF's Staff and Command College.

Officer, corporal buried: killed in training mishap

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sgt.-Aluf (Lt. col.) Oded Erez, who was killed in a training accident in Sinai on Monday, was buried at the Netanya military cemetery with full military honours yesterday. The Minister of Defence and the Chief of Staff were among the large number of mourners present.

Rav-Turani Asher Ben-David, who was also killed when a tank hit the jeep in which he and Erez were riding, was buried in Kiryat Gat. Nearly 1,500 local residents followed the bier of the eldest son of a municipal employee. The Ben-Davids have four other children.

Erez, a deputy brigade commander, was acting as observer at the Sinai exercise, and Ben-David was his radio operator. The driver of the jeep escaped unhurt.

Oded Erez, 30, leaves a wife and two children. His brother, Ya'acov, is military correspondent of "Ma'ariv."

Holon mayor: Comptroller would have done the same

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — Mayor Pinhas Eylon said yesterday he assumed "personal responsibility" for the shortcomings pointed out by the State Comptroller in his generally favourable report on the city (see page 7).

The mayor referred specifically to the Comptroller's criticism of the city's granting of construction contracts for school buildings without first publishing a tender. He explained that publication of a tender would have delayed construction; and "we would have wound up violating the Compulsory Education Law because we would not have met the September 1 deadline, and many children would not have had a school to attend."

Eylon said his decision to skip the formalities of a tender was a deliberate one, "and had the Comptroller been in my shoes he would not have acted differently."

The mayor added that in a fast-growing city like Holon it is not always possible to plan school construction; sometimes there is an unexpected influx of new residents in a certain neighbourhood, "and you only have a few months to put up a school."

In any case, the mayor said, the shortcomings mentioned in the report were not built-in administrative faults, but caused by specific exigencies.

Sue Egged for IL5 'damage' in jamming traffic

HAIFA. — Two local residents yesterday filed suit against Egged in the District Court here, demanding a token of IL5 compensation for losses and inconvenience caused them by the cooperative's strike action last Friday.

The suit, by Raya Cheyne and Y'acov Ardon, is linked to the temporary injunction the court issued last week at Mrs. Cheyne's request, barring Egged from using its buses to interfere with traffic in the course of its strike. Attorney Reuben Cheyne, representing the two, asked the court to make the temporary injunction absolute.

Reuben Cheyne also invited Attorney-General Aharon Barak to join the two plaintiffs and claim from Egged a compensation for the damage which the bus drivers had caused to the public and the State — such as the loss of time and the waste of petrol resulting from the deliberate traffic jams in many towns.

Cheyne said he demanded only IL5 on behalf of each client, to make it clear that the legal action was motivated by the action of the cooperative against the public, which is not a party to the dispute. He asked the court, however, to fine Egged because of its "willful and malicious nature" of their act in jamming urban traffic.

Armed robbers get IL150,000 from post office

ACRE. — Four masked, armed men yesterday robbed the postal agency at Majd el-Kurum, near Carmel, of IL150,000, shortly after the money had been delivered there.

The money was delivered by a security company vehicle, on behalf of the National Insurance Institute, for payment to old-age pensioners. Four pensioners, two men and two women, were already waiting at the agency — which occupies a room in a private home — and the agent had begun to make payment to them.

A few minutes later, however, two men armed with Uzi sub-machine guns came in and ordered everyone to lie on the floor, while they raked the money back into the sack in which it had been delivered. A third man, with a pistol, remained outside the door. The fourth stayed at the wheel of the yellow Subaru in which they had arrived.

The Local Council chairman, who lives next to the agency, called the police, and roadblocks were quickly set up — but nothing was found. All the signs indicated, police sources said, that the robbers knew all the details of the money's delivery and manner of distribution.

Changes in driving tests being studied

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Transport Ministry is presently studying the possibility of making new arrangements for driving tests which will make things easier for learner-drivers.

Minister Gad Ya'acobi, said this in the Knesset Tuesday in reply to a parliamentary question from Shalom Levin (Alignment-Labour).

The minister said the licensing offices netted some IL300m. for the Treasury in the 1974/75 fiscal year.

State of Israel — Ministry of Transport

Announcement regarding cancellation of the general permit for transporting fare-paying passengers

By the authority vested in us in accordance with Regulations 4, 16, 34, 397 and 523 of the Transport Regulations 5721 (1961) — we, the Controller of Road Transport and the Licensing Authority, announce that the general permit issued and gazetted in the Official Gazette 2188 (5736) on page 1088 is cancelled, effective today, Thursday, January 29, at 5.30 a.m.

Avraham Bar-Oryan
Director, Licensing Authority

Ya'acov Malka
Controller of Road Transport

Likud Statement on the Lebanese Troubles and the Northern Border

- The human tragedy of civil strife in Lebanon has amounted to a Moslem campaign to destroy the Christian community. With Soviet aid, the use of Palestinian-Syrian military units, and under Syrian direction, another chapter has been enacted in the dream of a "Greater Syria" — of which Eretz Yisrael is an intended province.
- Israel's northern border has, overnight, become an area of grave danger. Syria, so extreme in its hostility towards Israel, is today in command in Lebanon. The Syrian army and terrorist organizations are deployed along 150 km. of the Galilee border.
- In the face of this dangerous situation, the Government of Israel appears paralysed. This is another "blunder," gravely affecting Israel's security.
- The Likud demands that the following steps be taken immediately:
 - The Government must make an official statement that it will not tolerate any change in the political status of Lebanon or any change affecting Israel's security.
 - The Government must act to expel any foreign army — Palestinian or Syrian — from Lebanon.

THE LIKUD

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Atlit camp to be preserved

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A part of the Atlit internment camp, through which thousands of illegal immigrants passed during the mandatory period, is to be preserved in its original condition as a national monument. The historic site is to be used extensively in

teaching pupils graphically the history of the early Yishuv in Eretz Yisrael.

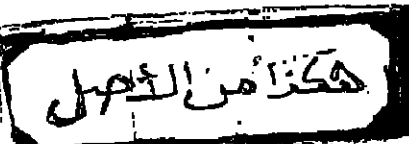
The decision is a result of a request by Abraham Katz, chairman of the Knesset Education and Culture Committee, to the Education Minister.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear father, father-in-law and grandfather,

SYMCHA GLUECKSON

The funeral will take place today, Thursday, January 29, 1976, leaving at 12 noon from Assuta Hospital, 60 Rehov Jabotinsky, Tel Aviv, for Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Son, Daniel Glueckson, and family, England
Daughter, Carmela Doron, and family, Jerusalem
Daughter, Aviva Luke, and family, Switzerland
and all the family in Israel and abroad



T.A. University fires 130 teachers: budget cuts cited

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv University notified 130 members of its academic staff that their jobs will be terminated at the end of the current school year, because of budget problems. More than 100 of the teachers may be dismissed when their contracts run out, or Shlomo Simonsohn said yesterday.

The 130 who have just received notice are teachers from the rank of lecturer and up who do not have tenure. Although many of them have been employed by the university for five years or more, Simonsohn said the university is being forced to trim its staff (both academic and administrative) by 300-400 posts. The staff already trimmed by 360 last year and the present teaching staff numbers 1,600.

An angry Simonsohn said the university had been informed that the Government will add just over one per cent next year to its share of the university's budget of 22m. out of 11.26m. this

year). Because of inflation, Simonsohn said, this really means a 20 per cent cut.

Prof. Simonsohn noted that it was easier to dismiss teachers than non-academic personnel, since the latter mostly have tenure.

This will be a severe blow to higher education, he said, as the universities will not be able to hire the "young blood" they need.

The Rector blames the Government with asking the universities to do what it is not willing to do itself. If the Government had made proportionately half the sacrifices and done half the belt-tightening that the universities do, he said, it would not have had to ask for a supplementary budget this year and could have submitted a smaller budget for next year.

Simonsohn charged that the Government has yet to trim the fat off its own payrolls, while the universities are cutting deep into the flesh.

"We may be throwing the baby out with the bath water," he said.

'Can't go on deceiving the public'

Labour 'hawk' calls for elections this year

By SHAYYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mordechai Ben-Porat, Labour Party MK known for his pro-Dayan views, says Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will have to "appeal to the nation" — in form of general elections — at the end of this year. (The Knesset election is due to be held at the end of 1977.)

Ben-Porat said he is speaking to political reporters yesterday, Ben-Porat said Israel's economic and social problems, piled with eternal pressures, require a government that can speak "realistically and of one mind."

He would prefer for the "leftists" to unite and leave the party. But if their views should carry inside the party, he would leave.

Noting that he "does not speak for Dayan," Ben-Porat said publication of the daily newspaper of which Dayan is to be editor-in-chief should not herald Dayan's separation from the Labour Party.

"As far as I know, the publishers want to make money. The influence the paper might have in the political field is of secondary importance to them," Ben-Porat said.

Mapam members may not join Palestine body

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam's executive body ruled yesterday that party members may not join the Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, set up recently by Arye Eliav (a former Labour Party member) and Matanyahu Peled, among others.

The Mapam "Rikuz" took up the issue at the request of several party members who had been asked to sign the council's manifesto and wanted guidance.

The party — Labour's junior partner in the Alignment — decided that several points in the council's manifesto were incompatible with its own platform. Among these are the council's call for recognition of the PLO (under certain conditions) and for establishment of a Palestinian state between Israel and Jordan.

The creation of the Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace caused the dissolution of Ya'ad, of which Eliav was a founder.

French appeals court extends Lipsky's jail term

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — French businessman Jude Lipsky, who was extradited to Israel four years ago to face trial for a mammoth real estate deal, had his original five-year jail sentence raised to eight years by appeals court here yesterday.

The extra three years were added to the term imposed on 48-year-old Lipsky last July. He had appealed against his conviction on charges of obtaining \$1.6m. from Wall Street investors who put \$18m. into his Patrimoine Foncier firm.

Lipsky returned to France from Israel in 1972 after dropping his opposition to a request by the French police for his extradition. The businessman spent months in Israel trying to obtain citizenship under the Law of Return. Lipsky, whose mother

was reported to be non-Jewish, was taken into custody before the Minister of Justice signed the extradition order.

Lipsky's fellow defendant, former Genlist M.P. Andre Roulland, who was originally sentenced to a suspended term of three years, received a suspended period of six years when he appealed with Lipsky yesterday. Roulland's fine of \$1,000 was upped to \$20,000.

The scandal of the Patrimoine Foncier aroused particular interest in France because Roulland was a close friend of the then President Georges Pompidou.

A three-year jail term and a \$10,000 imposed on businessman Georges-Walter Huc, a close associate of Lipsky, were upheld by the appeals court. Huc also fled from France when the scandal broke and was extradited from Brazil to face trial.

Rotary awards 87 scholarships

AT YAM. — Welfare Minister Yehuda Hammer yesterday distributed 87 scholarships totalling 49,000 collected by local Rotary club members. The Municipality contributed to the scholarship fund.

Among the recipients were 62 high school students; 16 university students; two pupils from Beit Shean, who were "adopted" by the local Rotary Club; one Arab student and one Druse student. The scholarships ranged from 1,500 but some amounted to 11,000.

Three held in postal robbery

ACRE. — Police have arrested three residents of Deir el Asad in connection with Wednesday's robbery of 11,500,000. from the postal agency at Majd el-Kurum.

The yellow Subaru used by the four masked bandits was found by the police in the Ahlud wood on Wednesday night. It had been stolen from a resident of Kiryat Haim on Tuesday.

Police are seeking two further men, residents of Majd el-Kurum. (Iim)



The Brazilian peace-setters for a group of 1,200 Latin American youngsters who marched from Jaffa Gate up Rehov Agron yesterday. The youngsters — volunteers in the World Zionist Organization's "Operation Orange" — are in Israel on a

50-day programme of fruit-picking and other field work in kibbutzim. The destination of their "solidarity march" yesterday was the Jerusalem Theatre, where their exuberance degenerated, in some cases, into rowdiness. (Rahamim Israeli)

Israel Prizes for helping newcomers

The first winners of the Israel Prize for Immigrant Absorption were announced yesterday — Rivka Guber, who with her husband, Mordechai, spent 20 years in new-immigrant settlements; and Jerusalemite Ya'acov Maimon, who heads a volunteer organization now numbering 300 persons.

The prizes will be formally awarded on the eve of Independence Day in Jerusalem, by the Minister of Education and Culture, Aharon Yadin.

Rivka Guber was born in 1902 in the Ukraine, where she trained as a teacher. She and her husband came to this country in 1925. The Gubers lost their two sons, Ephraim and Zvi, in the fighting at the beginning of the War of Independence. Their response was to throw themselves into absorption work. They spent seven



Ya'acov Maimon Rivka Guber

years at new settlements in the Be'er Tuvia area, later moving to the Lachish region, where they remained for 18 years. In Lachish, Mrs. Guber worked as teacher, principal and founder of libraries, always without pay. She and her husband entered a Ramat Aviv home for aged in 1971.

Ya'acov Maimon, 73, came to Jerusalem from Russia in 1922 and became involved in work with immigrants, together with his late wife Esther, just after the founding of the State. His efforts, especially in teaching Hebrew and helping rural and development-town youth, have reached some 20,000 immigrants over the years, in 30 places throughout Israel.

He continues to put in a 10-hour day aiding immigrants in Jerusalem, Ramle, Rehovot, Mevaseret Zion, Hatzor Haglilit, Avdim and Upper Nazareth. All his work, and that of his 300 aides, is done without pay.

Maimon was the founder of Hebrew stenography and was long the government stenographer.

C'ttee seeking recognition of Red Shield

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, of New York, said yesterday that a committee had been formed to seek recognition of the Red Shield of David, the emblem of Magen David Adom.

So far, only the Red Cross, the Red Crescent, and the Red Lion and sun are recognized symbols. The recognition can be granted only by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the watchdog of the Geneva convention. Sessions, which are held once in 25 years, are now taking place.

Rabbi Dobin is co-chairman with Senators Jacob Javits and Abraham Ribicoff of "Operation Recognition" in the U.S. which seeks the admission of Magen David Adom into the League of Red Cross Societies.

Mekorot threat to stop Tel Aviv water

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mekorot, the national water company, has threatened to shut off two-thirds of the water supply to Tel Aviv if the city does not pay its debt of 11.7m. by February 8.

The city, for its part, says it will ensure full water supply to the residents. It argues that all it owes are the fines for exceeding the "unrealistically low" water allotment to Tel Aviv.

Mekorot yesterday sent a telegram to Mayor Shlomo Lahat threatening to limit severely the water supply to the city. The company spokesman, Mordechai Jacobowitz, admitted that the debt is comprised chiefly of fines for excessive water use over the past five years. All attempts to get the city to settle the account have failed, he said.

The water supply will be limited to a mere 2,000 cubic metres of water an hour — about one-third of the usual supply — if the city does not pay up.

This will not so much affect households, but it could paralyse industry.

The municipality collects water payments from the residents and turns them over to Mekorot. In addition to paying its own water

bills, the city is responsible for excessive use of water by its inhabitants.

The head of the municipal water department, David Rosen-Zvi, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday he did not expect Mekorot to shut off most of the city's water supply. Contacts between the parties are continuing, and on Sunday Mekorot's director-general is to meet with municipal representatives.

But even in the case of a water cut-off, Dr. Rosen-Zvi maintained, the city will be able to activate emergency procedures and pump water from its own wells. This was done on several occasions in the past, he said, when the water supply had to be cut off completely due to technical hitches or development work. Residents were not even aware of it, he added.

Councilman Rosen-Zvi argues that, had the water allotment for Tel Aviv been "realistic," the problem would not have arisen. However, he says, the allotment disregards the fact that during the day the city caters to at least double its official population: as the centre of the whole metropolitan area, it draws employees and other residents from neighbouring towns.

The Law and the Yundeffs

COMMENT

by
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thing which we can certainly not afford — not today or at any time.

Secondly, there is the question of respecting and enforcing the decisions of competent foreign courts within the concept of comity of nations. For this is a reciprocal attitude; and if we should elect to ignore the considered judgments of foreign judicial bodies, we could hardly demand that they recognise and respect the decisions of our own courts.

Thirdly, there is the repugnance which the idea of retroactive legislation must arouse in any member of a democratic society. For retroactive legislation is anathema to the whole concept of the rule of law; and although it is true that there has been some retroactive legislation in Israel (in the fiscal field only), its proliferation should not only be discouraged, but it should be strenuously fought by all those who wish to see the rule of law perpetuated and protected in our country.

Against these considerations, protagonists have argued that the principle of the good of the child must preponderate. The Supreme Court would appear to be divided into two schools of thought on the question of whether foreign judgments pertaining to the custody of children should be scrupulously enforced in Israel, or whether preference should be given to the overall good of the children, if such good is deemed to conflict with the terms of the foreign judgment.

But even those Supreme Court judges who have elected to give preference to sanctity of foreign judgments within the framework of the comity of nations have done so on the declared presumption that foreign courts, too, would be no less solicitous of the good

of children than our own courts. And even those judges who have come out in favour of deciding the issue of custody on the basis of the good of the children, irrespective of what the foreign courts might decide, have stressed that they do not countenance the practice of using Israel as a refuge from the justice of other countries and will not turn a blind eye to the kidnapping of children in order to remove them from the jurisdiction of a competent court. So what it boils down to is that, despite the differences in nuance, the Supreme Court is almost unanimous in its opinion that, except in extreme cases of obvious discrepancy between the good of the children involved and the decision of a foreign court, the decision must be upheld.

This attitude is not nearly as harsh to children as may appear at first glance. For it may well be asked who is to establish what the good of the children would be: a competent trial court which has all the relevant facts, from both sides, before it; or a court which can examine only such facts and circumstances as are presented by the party which is interested in defying the decision of the trial court. Or should the good of the children be established by the public, who are most certainly not aware of any of the true circumstances of the case.

But whatever the attitude of the Supreme Court might be, one thing is clear: in the particular case of the Yundeff boys, an order was handed down by the High Court of Justice (and was confirmed on Wednesday by the Supreme Court in a further decision); and while that order remains in force it must be obeyed. There is, however, some consolation in the fact that a custody order is never final and either parent is at liberty to apply at any time to the court which gave it originally in an attempt to have it reversed in the light of changed circumstances, including the children's having reached an age at which they are capable of expressing an independent opinion on their own wishes and desires.

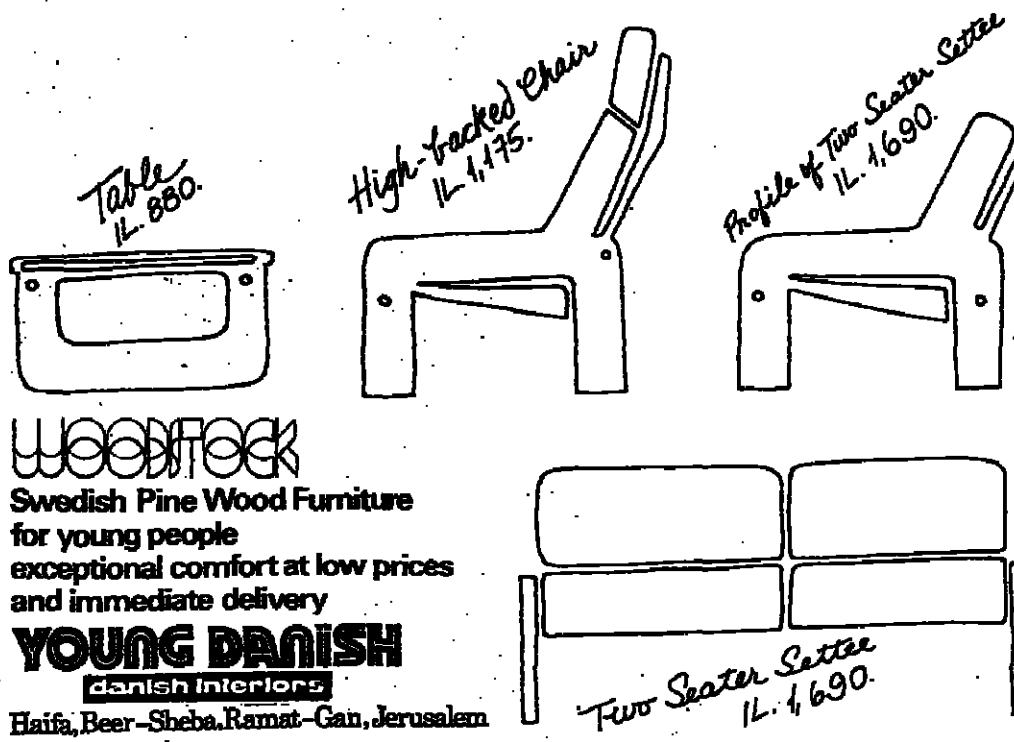
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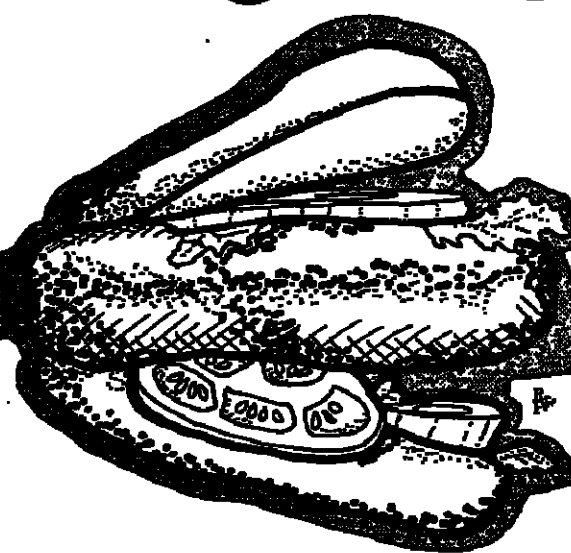
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Unita gets ready for attack on its capital

LUSAKA, Zambia. — The Communist-controlled Radio Luanda has urged fifth-columnists operating in Huambo, capital of Western allies, to begin guerrilla operations in the city.

The anti-Communist forces of Unita are dug in north of Huambo, awaiting an expected assault on the capital's approach road by the Marxist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).

A radio message broadcast by Radio Luanda three times on Wednesday called to resistance groups in Huambo and said: "The hour of the final blow against the enemy is near... Our forces are approaching, therefore oppose the enemy immediately. Destroy the bridges and trains."

Unita officials said yesterday that the movement's leader, Jonas Savimbi, was in southern Angola advising tribesmen on how to switch to guerrilla warfare if their villages were captured by the MPLA. A report from Washington says that black American military veterans are being recruited there to fight in Angola. Organizers say several hundred men are ready to join the Western-backed forces next month.

One organizer, Larry Mitchell, a 34-year-old Vietnam veteran, refused to say who is footing the bill for the mercenary expedition, but he would not rule out the Central Intelligence Agency.

Meanwhile, dozens of British mercenaries flew out of London on Wednesday, apparently bound for Africa. The men generally were silent, and many tried to hide their faces from photographers as they boarded planes. But some said they had been recruited by Security Advisory Services, a British firm, and were to be paid \$300 a week, tax free, by the government of Zaire, bordering on Angola. (UPI, AP)

Zambia alert

LUSAKA. — Armed police searched cars at roadblocks around Lusaka and military reinforcements patrolled Zambia's border with Angola yesterday under state-of-emergency powers invoked partly because of what appeared to be a fear of Soviet subversion.

Lusaka was calm and shops were open as usual following President Kenneth Kaunda's announcement that freedom of speech and movement would be curtailed to counter a grave security situation. He said the state of emergency was aimed at a few foreign and local saboteurs, and would make no change in the lives of most Zambians. (AP)



This picture, released by the Bulgarian Telegraph Agency yesterday, reportedly shows two white South African prisoners and two Unita men captured by the Marxist forces in Angola. (AP radiophoto)

Stocks fall as Spanish left rejects reform plan

MADRID. — Prices on the Madrid Stock Exchange dropped yesterday in what brokers described as a reaction to fleet-wing criticism of the Government's programme for step-by-step political reform.

Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro on Wednesday proposed constitutional reforms and new laws to create what he called a "Spanish democracy." He promised a two-chamber parliamentary system, broader freedom and the legalization of political groups, with the exception of Communists and other extremists.

Arias said the changes would be carried out in the next 1-1½ years, but gave few details.

Opposition group ranging from moderates to the left denounced the plan as inadequate. It was stated yesterday that film censorship will be abolished in Spain under a new law governing the film industry.

The draft law will shortly be sub-

mitted by the government. It "tallies down away with censorship" and provides for coordination and state aid to the Spanish movie industry, Rogelio Diaz, the government's director-general for films, said.

The announced move is part of efforts by the government to liberalize the press and arts in the post-Franco era. But as industry sources pointed out, the abolition of censorship will not mean that movie houses can show "porn" or "subversive" films — such programmes would still make them liable to persecution under the penal code.

Under Franco, Spain probably had the toughest film censors in the Western world. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Spaniards streamed across the borders in chartered buses to see classics — or "porn" — in French or Portuguese cinemas.

In the past months, censors have become more tolerant.

'U.K. firms submit to Arab boycott'

LONDON. — An increasing number of British firms are submitting to Arab blackmail to boycott Israel, the "Daily Telegraph" reported yesterday.

The paper says that some British firms are also openly contravening the Race Relations Act in discriminating against employees of Jewish origin, just to win favour with the Arabs.

"It is notable that companies collaborating with the boycott office in Damascus get little reward for their collaboration, while companies resisting Arab pressures rarely suffer. Moreover, in terms of reliability as trading partners, the Israelis are vastly superior to the Arabs," says the "Daily Telegraph."

The paper attacks both the British Foreign Office and the Department of Trade for condoning the Arab boycott (some Arab states require negative certificates of origin — that is, declarations that their goods are neither wholly nor partly made in Israel). The Foreign Office, however, denies that its counter-signature to these certificates involves improper aid to the operators of the boycott.

This defence is a thin one, says the newspaper.

Although the whole of the Damascus blacklist has never been published, the number of British companies believed to be on it exceeds 1,000. (JTA)

U.S. customs make

\$23m. drugs haul

NEW YORK. — U.S. customs officials have made their biggest-ever drugs haul, aboard a freighter docking here from Colombia. Customs officers seized 45 kilos of cocaine, worth \$23m, on the American black market. (Reuters)

Russians have access to 16 ports and airfields

Soviet gains key foothold in Africa

WASHINGTON. — Russia has naval and air access to 16 ports and airfields around the rim of Africa, according to the U.S. Defence Department.

Most of these sites are strategically located in relation to shipping lanes between the U.S. and the Persian Gulf oil lands, as well as those running through the Mediterranean.

These locations in nine countries, including Angola, appear on a map distributed on Wednesday after Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld displayed it to the House Armed Services Committee. The map did not identify those ports and airfields that the U.S. and other Nato members have access to.

In testimony on Tuesday, Rumsfeld expressed concern about Soviet activities in Africa and suggested that victory by Russian-backed forces in Angola would encourage the Soviets to widen their

efforts on that continent. The Defence Department also listed nearly \$3b. in Soviet military and economic aid over the past five years to 11 African countries, four of them usually identified with the Arab bloc and seven south of the Sahara. About two-thirds was in military assistance.

The biggest single recipient was Egypt which, according to the Department, got nearly \$1.7b. in arms and economic help from the Soviets in the 1971-1975 period. Much of that was provided during and soon after the 1973 Middle East War. Since then, Soviet arms shipments to Egypt have been cut to a trickle because of policy differences between Cairo and Moscow.

Angola has received \$108m. in Soviet military aid, the Department map showed. This is less than the \$200m. figure used recently by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. However, Kissinger could have been

counting in \$70m. in military assistance that the Department credits to Cuba.

Other countries listed as Soviet aid recipients are Algeria, Libya, Sudan, Somalia, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda and Mozambique.

The map also showed nearly 2,800 Soviet military advisers in the 11 countries, including 170 in Angola and 200 still in Egypt, despite the Cairo-Moscow split.

The Defence Department did not claim the Russians have actual military bases at all 16 locations on its map. It called them "Soviet access facilities," meaning Russian naval vessels and aircraft can use them. Unlike U.S. practice, the Russians rarely establish formal Soviet bases in other countries. Instead, according to U.S. intelligence analysts, they prefer to gain landing and port rights without bruising local nationalist sentiments. (AP)

Ford and Kissinger stress confidence in UN envoy

Leaking of Moynihan cable 'contemptible'

WASHINGTON. — President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on Wednesday voiced full confidence in the Ambassador to the UN, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, following publication of a confidential cable in which he rejected criticism of his outspoken methods.

But Kissinger described as "contemptible" the leaking of the cable, in which Moynihan complained that some U.S. officials were undercutting his tough-line tactics towards the Third World.

State Department spokesman John Tattner said no effort was being made to find out who leaked the classified cable which the Department at Moynihan's request, had sent to all U.S. missions overseas.

But, reviving a dispute that has simmered since the legal battle over publication of the Pentagon secret papers on Vietnam in 1971, Tattner, on instructions from Kissinger, said: "It is a contemptible act to leak classified government

documents, and newspapers must ask themselves what their responsibility is when they consider publication of such documents."

It is against the law for a U.S. Government official to disclose contents of a classified document, but under a Supreme Court decision in the Pentagon papers case, newspapers cannot be prevented from publishing classified material they obtain.

Moynihan appealed to a "New York Times" reporter not to publish the text of the cable, which said that Ambassador Moynihan said Somalia's Abdul Rahim Farah was a "complete confidence" man whom he considers an outstanding public servant and a personal friend.

Ford telephoned Moynihan, who was back in New York at his post, after a routine meeting at the White House on Tuesday, to express his "complete confidence" in the manner in which U.S. policy was being carried out by the American mission to the world organization. (Reuters)

classification — limited official use. It was raised to "confidential," the next classified rating, when it was relayed by the State Department.

It was believed to be the third time that a confidential cable by Moynihan has been leaked to the press, but he has not been accused of responsibility for any of the leaks.

Kissinger voiced his full confidence in Moynihan to reporters, and then directed his spokesman to say: "The Secretary has repeatedly indicated his strong support of Ambassador Moynihan whom he considers an outstanding public servant and a personal friend."

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Vatican daily on homosexuals

VATICAN CITY. — The Vatican daily "Osservatore Romano" said that some homosexual acts may not be sinful because of various psychological and physical factors of those engaging in them. It urged churchmen to adapt general rules to individual cases.

In a 4,000-word article, "Osservatore" expanded on the Vatican document that reasserted two weeks ago that homosexuality was sinful in principle, as were other sex acts outside marriage, but urged prudence and understanding in dealing with individual cases.

The article marked the first time that homosexuality was mentioned in a front-page headline by "Osservatore." "Reflections on the Points about Homosexuality," said the headline across three front-page columns.

"Osservatore" said homosexuals were suffering from "discrimination which is unjust except for some reservations — unjust because homosexuals often have a richer personality than those who discriminate against them." The paper did not elaborate on this. (AP)

World action on terror urged

BONN. — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt called on all states yesterday to commit themselves by treaty to common action against "the irrational manifestation" of terrorism. Only internationally-coordinated action can defeat the terrorists, the Chancellor said.

Government sources said that Schmidt and British Prime Minister Harold Wilson would discuss the idea at their meeting in Britain on February 6 and 7, and might take this as a first step by concluding a bilateral agreement. (UPI)

TEVA LTD. OPENS NEW PLANT IN JERUSALEM 40 years after starting production

It was in 1935, on the hills of Bayit Vegan overlooking Jerusalem, that TEVA Ltd. had its humble beginnings. With minimal capital at their disposal, a group of four enterprising people set up a small laboratory that was destined to become the foundation of the modern pharmaceutical plant of today.

In 1940, the factory employed some dozen or so people and received its first export orders. The advent of the Second World War and the concomitant increased demand for pharmaceuticals opened a new chapter in the history of TEVA, and by the end of the war the company had more than a hundred people in its employ.

Some 40% of the output at the time was exported — primarily to neighbouring states such as Egypt, Lebanon, and Iraq. TEVA having been one of the pioneering industrial enterprises set up in Jerusalem, was already by this stage one of the largest and most important of them.

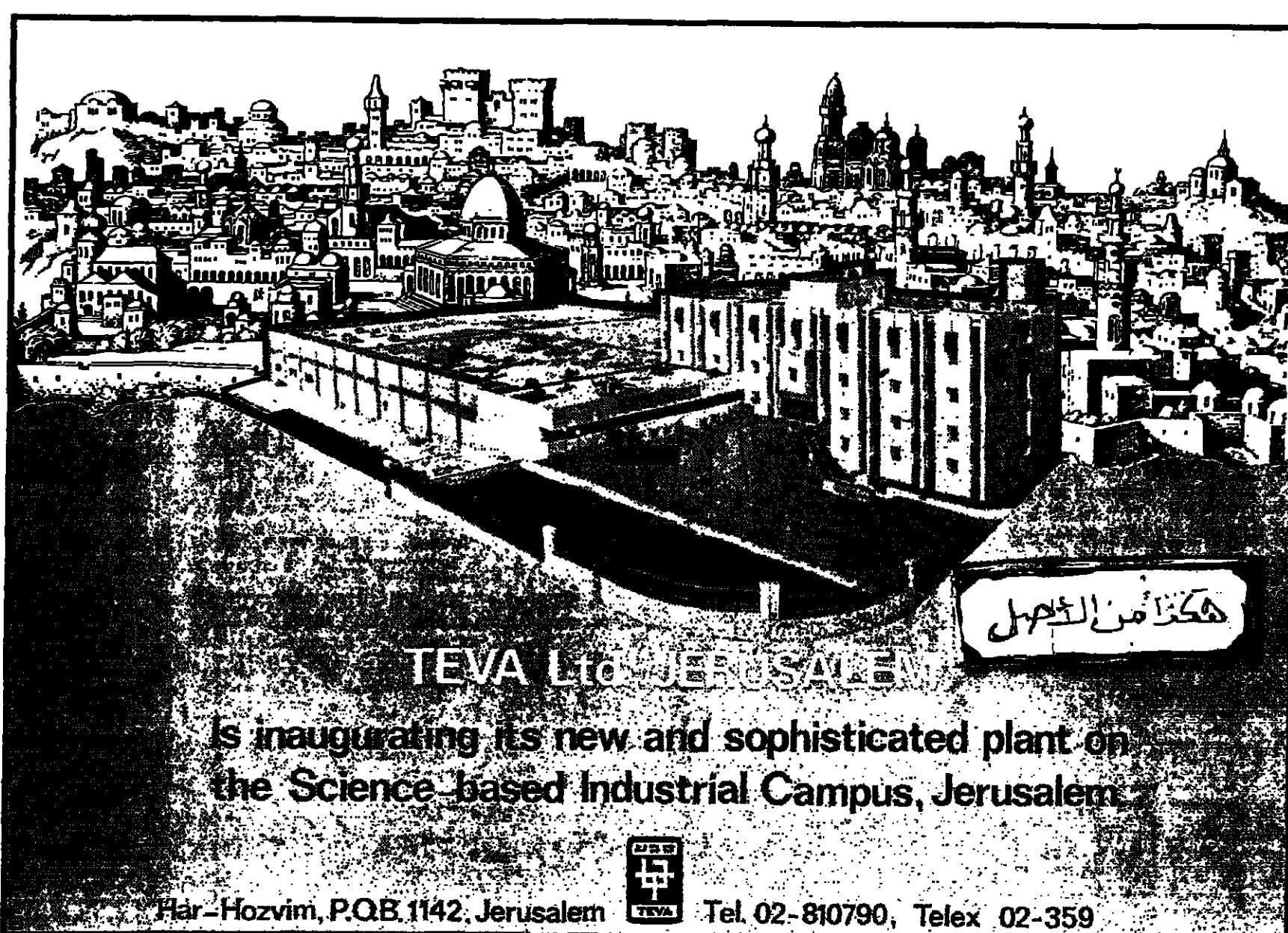
During the 1950s, contacts were established with large pharmaceutical houses abroad, and TEVA began to manufacture products under licence from companies based in the U.S.A., France, Sweden, Germany, Japan and other countries.

In 1963 TEVA became a public company and its shares were quoted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. This step was aimed at raising sufficient capital to equip the factory with the best machinery then available. It was in the year 1968 that TEVA became a part of an industrial complex — ASSIA-ZORI-TEVA — which is unsurpassed in size in the pharmaceutical sector of Israel's manufacturing industry.

This move provided an enormous impetus to the development of the companies concerned which, apart from their own resources, were now able to draw on the experience, knowhow, and equipment available within the partner companies.

TEVA's sales turnover, which in 1968 was some IL10 million, has subsequently grown very rapidly and it is expected that the 1975 figure will reach the IL80 million mark.

In the realm of export, too, the new set-up has borne fruit. TEVA was able to take advantage of the solid international marketing network built up by ASSIA-ZORI, and as a result exports have jumped tenfold, from IL1.3 million in 1968 to some IL20 million in 1975. Today, TEVA exports raw materials, semi-finished products, as well as finished products to many countries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and even to the U.S.A. and Canada. In recognition of these export achievements, TEVA was in 1971 awarded by the Israeli Government the title of "Outstanding Exporter."



Is inaugurating its new and sophisticated plant on the Science-based Industrial Campus, Jerusalem

chemical items which have application throughout the spectrum of modern medicine. Few companies in the world can compete with TEVA with respect to this speciality. Diversified production — no matter how sophisticated and advanced it may be — does not guarantee per se further progress and development for a company. For this very reason, the management of TEVA is investing much effort

and resources in research and development. An intensive research programme is being pursued in a number of laboratories at TEVA and ASSIA-ZORI, in close cooperation. In the field of basic chemical research, the efforts have, in the main, been concentrated on synthetic materials and many hundreds of compounds of potential therapeutic value have been synthesized. Of these, several have shown great

promise and the research teams have singled them out for further toxicological and pharmacological studies. In addition to the research activities carried out in cooperation with Israeli research institutes and hospitals, which are acknowledged worldwide as front-runners in terms of scientific standards and expertise.

In order to develop on a commercial scale innovative production methods in the veterinary field pioneered by Israeli scientists, a subsidiary company — BIOLOGICALS-TEVA — has been set up by the group. A brand-new modern plant, designed for the manufacture of biological vaccines, was established in the Atarot industrial zone in Jerusalem. The setting-up of this plant was completed in 1973, and since then its products have captured a sizeable share of the local market for poultry vaccines.

The Atarot plant continues to apply the best of modern science and technology to develop new processes and products, and in the near future will begin to make a major drive at repeating its successes achieved at home, in markets abroad. The rapid development of TEVA has meant that its facilities in Bayit Vegan, where it has been based since the day the company was founded, are now too small and outdated to allow continued expansion. It was thus decided to build a new modern plant which would accommodate the planned needs of the future. The construction of the new plant on the science-based industrial campus was started in 1972, by the Jerusalem Economic Corporation Ltd. and completed in early 1975.

This sophisticated new plant occupies a total land area of some 50,000 square metres, and at present plans are being developed for further expansion. A major principle on which much stress has been placed in the construction of the plant is that of automation in terms of direct electronic monitoring and supervision of manufacture. The production facility has been constructed with the aim of providing maximal separation between the various departments — each of which is fed separately by its own set of pipelines: air-conditioning, water, steam, compressed-air, etc. The new plant also has sterile areas for production, representing about one third of the total space given over to manufacture, and designed to meet the standards set out in the Good Manufacturing Practice (G.M.P.) Code.

In order to provide the quality control function to guarantee the standard of a given finished product before marketing, a sophisticated system of analytical laboratories has been established, the latter being officially recognized by the Ministry of Health. The new plant also makes use of the services of a computer which is shared jointly by all the constituent companies of ASSIA-ZORI-TEVA.

Besides the production departments, administration, energetics, etc., there has also been established a separate set of research laboratories which will form the basis of an advanced research institute. This institute will be manned and run by the scientists working in the company who have already proven their capabilities. They will be supplemented by new scientists, many of them newcomers to Israel. The management of TEVA is convinced that the new plant, its ultra-modern equipment, the research institute and above all its team of devoted employees provide guarantee for the future development of the company.

77 TOO far from the port, located Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer district, is Golomb School for Minimally and Severely Handicapped Children. The school is almost non-existent, the building nothing more than an old abandoned home converted into a series of makeshift classrooms and the modern educational equipment conspicuous by its absence. All 23 students, however, appear blissfully ignorant of their surroundings and cheer happily about in a seeming phantasmagoria which is, in reality, part of a highly structured and active learning process.

The school's principal, Erwin Bloom, is a tall, tanned 40-year-old Marine born in Detroit, Michigan, educated in Los Angeles, California. He wears blue jeans and a t-shirt, and does yoga, scuba diving, is a vegetarian, and just recently gave his motorcycle. More than one ministry of Education official, when questioned about Bloom, flashed an "I-no-not-that-one-again" look, for a man is considered something of an eccentric, an image he further enhances by talking a mile-a-minute and refusing to stand in one place for very long. Yet Bloom has made something of a name for himself — a servant of information about special education, an administrator who refuses to be limited by regulatory restrictions, and one of the rare instinctive teachers who takes his students' clamour for more.

Bloom assumed the principalship of the Golomb School in September 1971 armed with a Masters in Education, a Masters in Psychology (counseling), and six different credentials certifying him to teach anything from Jewish history to nursing for children who were partially sighted, emotionally disturbed, affected by cerebral palsy, or neurologically handicapped. His task was to retrain the teachers. They had good hearts and good will, but little to no knowledge about special education, bring in specialists ("For more than a year I got one medical, psychological, or educational test had been done"), and reorganize the learning system. The school was being run as a normal classroom with two teachers, 26 children, and classes on history, Bible, and grammar.

"These are children who were born with some type of brain damage or who acquired it at an early age, usually from a medical history. The damage is minimal; the children are normal, function like their peers, and frequently are highly intelligent. Their problems are notational and psychological, consequently manifest themselves in learning disabilities — these children tend to be hyperactive, hyperkinetic, hypokinetic, autistic, may suffer from dyslexia (consisting one letter for another or writing them backwards or upside



Erwin Bloom and one of his charges.

(Judah Passow)

PROJECT SMALL MIRACLE

Educational dynamo

By JOAN BORSTEN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

down). I believe that first and foremost such a child must learn to deal with his problems and improve his own self-image.

Bloom taught the teachers to individualize each child's learning programme with emphasis on perceptual, sensory, and motor disabilities. Stymied by lack of space ("I don't think that there should be more than 3-4 kids per teacher or per room"), Bloom pleaded with officials for use of the school's basement. He got one room and transformed it into a centre for movement therapy, dance therapy and play therapy. Upstairs he refused to have an office or a desk ("takes up too much space").

To lower the teacher-student ratio Bloom brought in volunteers. Today there are 22 adults for 23 children, including a series of music and art therapists who donate several hours a week to the school, and of course as many specialists as Bloom can squeeze from his budget.

His volunteer programme turned out to be among his more successful projects — one of his "helpers" was the wife of a Haifa industrialist and

head of the non-profit Frankel Foundation, which this year donated to the school the latest in special education games and aids. The Foundation also funds twice-weekly tutoring sessions for children with learning disabilities, enabling them to remain in regular classes.

"Out of this same group of women came Haifa NITZAN," adds Bloom, "a volunteer organization which helps minimally brain damaged children by financing additional school staff, working with parents, and running a summer camp. Now, in conjunction with MICHA, ILAN, AKIM and various service organizations NITZAN is planning a specially equipped playground for Haifa's handicapped children."

AT THE HEART of Bloom's approach is a system he calls Precise Freedom Planning (PFP). It begins with a psycho-educational linguistic examination (translated from English by Bloom and his staff) that identifies and diagnoses each child's individual disabilities. Then comes the assignment of specialized activities — each child spends 40-70 minutes a day following a schedule of exercises designed to expand concentration, develop a concept of time, improve perception, coordination or memory skills. The reward for successfully finishing one task is the assignment of another, and the children love it.

To compensate for his lack of equipment Bloom appropriated some idle, used typewriters from ZIM (good for eye-hand coordination), a kitchen for cooking classes from the Haifa municipality (math and science in everyday life), and "smorred" equipment for a gym from anyone who had it. For a while he also solicited machine rejects from a match factory and had the kids filling match boxes (coordination and concentration).

"I've placed 26 of my students in regular classrooms thus far and they're doing well," says Bloom. "Actually, I don't think the Golomb School should exist at all. Instead, the children should be integrated into regular classrooms and come here a few hours a day for special help."

The funny thing about Erwin Bloom is that despite all he has done, he could be thrown out of his job at any moment. He still doesn't have tenure because he hasn't passed the Hebrew proficiency test, an especially shaky position because bureaucrats don't like his "pushy" ways.

"The only one who is really behind me is my supervisor," admits Bloom. "He has implemented my PFP plan all over the North. But never mind. We had a saying in the Marine Corps: The hard today, the impossible tomorrow, and two days from now a small miracle. That's what I call this whole thing — Project Small Miracle."

Israeli colleagues. "Whenever I see a sick Arab child in need of treatment that we cannot provide here, it is my human duty to refer him to an institution outside the West Bank; such cases occur these days by the hundreds," he says.

He himself visits Israeli hospitals once a week to keep in touch with progress in the medical field. He would like to do research, but there is no medical research centre in the West Bank.

TAYSEER EL KHATIB was born in Jaffa and after studying food technology in Egypt, went to the United States to specialize in food microbiology. Since 1974, he has headed the West Bank government laboratory in Ramallah.

His first contact with his Israeli counterparts was in 1975 when he was sent to the central laboratory in Jerusalem. His Israeli opposite number, he says, accepted most of the items on his shopping list. Shortly after, Dr. Khatib recommended that West Bank technicians be sent on one-month training courses first to Jerusalem and then to other Israeli centres. "We find the Israelis always ready to cooperate with us," he notes.

is fine; "chauffeuse," "barman or barwoman" — or "bartender" — the problems are legion and many will have to wait their solution until they come before a court.

Meanwhile, militant women greeted the arrival of the Sex Act by demanding service at the famous bar of El Vito's wine shop, in Fleet Street. On their proprietor's instructions, the barman (repeat "barman") courteously but firmly declined. Only men may buy the drinks at that bar even though women may consume them. The day of equality remains at El Vito's — unless and until a court declares that ancient grace to be unlawful.

To help the ladies to fight their battles, the government has created an Equal Opportunities Commission. There is to be true equality of approach to the Courts and tribunals.

There are fewer women members in the British Parliament, relatively speaking, than there are in Israel's Knesset — 28 women MPs — out of 600 as against nine out of 120. Naturally they were in the forefront of the fight for the Sex Act. And if that law has now been carried beyond the limits of good sense and reasonableness, any woman who is adversely affected must blame them — and not those men who, like myself, trooped loyally into the lobbies in favour of the legislation because they were unwilling to be labelled for ever as antediluvian male scabs.

Craig compared what he sees with time and temperature signs or the numbers on a football scoreboard. He lost his sight after being shot in the head during a saloon brawl.

MUSIC / YOHANAN BOEHM

Chalk up a success

CESAR FRANCK was the hero of the latest "Portrait of a Composer" presented by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (Jerusalem Theatre — Jan. 27). Yet, despite the energetic direction of Juan Pablo Izquierdo and the concentrated performance of the orchestra, the "Redemption," described as a symphonic poem, did not give witness to the composer's greatness; it is a rather empty and slow moving piece bere of inspiration or endearing ideas.

On the other hand, Franck's Symphonic Variations, in which Milka Laks performed the solo part, is known as one of his most popular works, and quite rightly so. But the pianist had neither the physical strength called-for in playing some of the passages for better contrast, nor the dynamic personality necessary to do justice to the scintillating colours of that score, so that this performance too came off as boring and dull. Are soloists selected for technical prowess only?

At last, with the rendition of the Symphony in D minor, Izquierdo came into his own and demonstrated his mastery. The many hard edges heard before in the brass section were ameliorated somewhat, and the symphony flowed naturally in a convincing and attractive manner. The orchestra gave a very good accounting of its ability to cope with all technical demands, and Senior Izquierdo chalked up a resounding success for this performance.

Rabbis praise the Vatican

WASHINGTON. — The President of the Rabbinical Council of America praised the Vatican this week for its recent statement on sexual morality, a pronouncement that condemned sex outside of marriage.

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld said the Vatican statement was "rooted in traditional Jewish religious teaching which condemns deviant forms of sexuality such as pre- and extramarital relations and homosexuality."

The commendation is a rare tribute to the Vatican by orthodox rabbis. The Council represents more than 1,000 orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada, the largest such organization in the Western hemisphere.

Schonfeld said a near doubling of Jewish divorces can be blamed in part on "the sexual permissiveness and heightened eroticism so pervasive in our society." He added: "We deplore those liberals who confuse liberalism with libertinism, who encourage permissiveness and unbridled indulgence... Sexuality is a wholesome experience only within the discipline of religious moral teaching and self-restraint."

While praising the Vatican's declaration on morals, Rabbi Schonfeld had only criticism for its failure to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

"That would be the most effective response in repudiation of the UN resolution which equates Zionism with racism," he said. (AP)

Correction

In the article "Movies and Israel" which appeared on the Fifth Page a fortnight ago, the figures listed against various Israeli films refer to the number of tickets sold, and not the amount of money received as was stated.

At the Paris spring-summer shows

GIVENCHY

A 'real' collection

PARIS. — Givenchy's models, displayed on the second day of the Paris spring and summer fashion shows, were promptly dubbed a real collection. It was controlled and logical with supple, clean lines throughout. Pants suits were an important feature, both for late afternoons and day wear. In flannel or silk shantung — white suit with black silk skirt, pale grey with toning printed tie-neck blouse — they were worn with little matching turbans or tiny pillbox hats perched over one eye.

There were also suits with rather severe, blazer-like jackets over straight skirts and slim topsuits in flannel or fine reversible wool worn over classic button-through silk dresses printed in busy stripes.

Givenchy's first touch of the East is in the "djellaba-look," fluid with soft sleeves and caftan necklines and hoods. A few are in subtle flower prints but most carry on the stripes theme in crepe de chine and silk jersey.

A number of dress and jacket ensembles repeated the stripey look, with nice couture touches in the binding to reverse, edging small, discreet allits at skirt hems or emphasizing an armhole. Colours here are more definite — red, white and navy with solid navy blouse, plum and grey, tan and white.

A second oriental inspiration comes with the cocktail and evening wear. Airy plain or printed muslins form light hoods, slim caftans contrast with daring draped or jewel — embroidered busts, bare midriffs and thigh-top allits.

For the very young and slim there are pool-side flowered chiffons, bare back to the waist with little matching hoods that throw back to form a tiny cape. Slightly more formal are striped floor-length djellabas in turquoise and black, scarlet and black, or solid black worn over matching topsless long dresses.

Gold neck-rings, blends of wooden beads and desert stones, helped to emphasize necklines. Long Persian-style earrings added to the subtle eastern touch. Short, natural-looking hair occasionally carried fine gold wire trimmings for evenings while sandals were low with rope-soles or cut-out and high-heeled, to choice.

ST. LAURENT

Turning the clock back

DESIGNER ST. LAURENT turned the clock back this week to the days when he left the Dior fashion house and launched his own enterprise by re-emphasizing the pants suit. At that time he was almost alone in presenting specially designed fashions for active women.

However, his dresses and skirts for day wear were still rather drab: a black and white printed crepe de chine tunic over a black silk jersey skirt, which was straight and narrow, falling to just below calf length.

For cocktail or dinner time there were ankle-length, accordion-pleated skirts in navy or black, again worn with long tunics which were often lightly belted at the natural waistline. A new look came with the wide, tightly hip-hugging sashes worn with floor-length skirts or pants, in matching colours.

Summer evening ensembles, like the tunic and pants in tobacco brown silk, were often worn with a floating chiffon coat to match — in this case



CARDIN'S JUMPSUIT — A black and white striped linen suit from Cardin's collection shown earlier this week.

COURREGES

DESIGNER Andre Courreges remained faithful to his structured above knee outfit.

He showed his classic white "architectural," that is, non-soft but stiff, dresses. Although hermines more than cover the knees at the other houses, Courreges stubbornly sticks to the knee-baring look that he invented more than 10 years ago in one of the great clothes revolutions.

A Courreges classic this season is a white dress with red buttons marching down both sides. A little red shiny handbag hangs from the belt in front. The mannequin wore Courreges' traditional flat shoes with midcalf white stockings.

In the same brown with white polka dots. A series of long, airy chiffon dresses also had their matching coat or jacket — black with green and red spots, plain black or plain navy.

The only occasional bursts of applause were mainly for some very audacious use of colour. St. Laurent dared to put a mauve with white coin dots blouse over a vivid green skirt, a scarlet satin tunic over violet satin pants tied with a fuchsia satin cummerbund and, again, a violet and scarlet tunic worn over a jade green floor-length skirt.

There was more costume jewellery shown with this collection than has been seen for some time, especially long necklaces and matching earrings in jade and crystal or coral, pearls and crystal. Two particularly striking pieces of sculptured copper-coloured metal brought gasps: one a neckband with a huge butterfly back and front and the other the bridal head-dress, a little "cap" in metal leaves and daisies plus a similar great butterfly perched over the brow. (UPI)

THE STORY of cooperation between Israeli Jews and Arabs in the medical field should have been told the English-reading world long ago, but it is at last available in a book just published in Jerusalem. "Where Doctors Meet," by Gideon 'elgert, brings together a number of stories highlighting the contributions made by Jewish doctors to colleagues in the West Bank and Gaza and the warmth with which his help was received by Arab medical men and their patients like it. It should be read by everyone, more especially by members of the UN Commission which recently reduced such a negative report on Israeli behaviour in the administered territories.

MM RIBHI is a peasant woman from a West Bank village between Jablun and Jenin. The mother of three, she fell ill last year and was unable to swallow food of any kind. She was taken to Tulikarm Hospital and discharged after a week. A little later, her throat swelled again and her husband took her to a specialist in Nablus. He in turn sent her to the Chief Medical Officer in Tulikarm who thought she might be suffering from a cancerous growth. He decided to send her for specialist treat-

Medical cooperation



Samir Katbeh, Umm Ribhi and Tayseer el Khatib.

ment to Israel's Tel Hashomer Hospital. There she underwent a delicate operation and was cured. Her husband says: "Thanks to Allah's help and the tireless efforts of the Israeli doctors, my wife was saved from the jaws of death... The doctors and nurses treated my wife magnificently... Indeed, we witnessed at first hand Arab-Israeli medical

cooperation in its finest aspect, cooperation between neighbours which knows neither politics nor borders."

DR. SAMIR KATBEH, born in Hebron, studied medicine in Germany. Today he is in charge of the Ramallah Children's Hospital and maintains close contact with his

British women are now 'more equal' than men

leaves her job because of pregnancy or confinement will be entitled to six weeks vacation at 90 per cent of her normal pay (with certain deductions). And at any time within 28 weeks of her confinement she will be entitled to come back to her job.

(In Israel women are entitled to three months' paid maternity leave at 75 per cent of their normal pay — but untaxed; can return within a year to their previous job in the same grade; and when they resume work, are allowed an hour off daily in order to feed their babies. (Ed. J.P.).

Now, if a British employer sacks an employee "unfairly," he (or she) may have a claim for up to £5,260 and (soon) — again as a result of the new Act) — reinstatement in his (or her) job. How can an employer make room for the new mother, returned from one important kind of labour to another? Only by dismissing the replacement. And if the replacement has been with the employer for six months or more, then it will be "unfair" to dismiss that replacement — unless she (or, more likely, he)

By GREVILLE JANNER Q.C., M.P.

agreed when taken on to go if and when mother decided to return."

IT FOLLOWS that a slow, unspectacular but almost inevitable result of this feminist legislation will be the gradual elimination of women from the few jobs in management which they already hold. At shop floor level, the women will do well. Women employees (if you will pardon the phrase) turn over faster than men. But who will appoint a manager, an executive or even an assistant who may have to be replaced in such an expensive fashion — if there is a suitably equipped male, ready, willing and able to give service?

Still, it has now become unlawful, in most cases, to advertise by reference to the sex of the wanted employee. You cannot, for instance, seek a "waitress" — you must ask for a "waiter or waitress." The word "assistant" is sexless and proper; the term "postman" is not. "Driver"

Blind man 'sees' with brain computer

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. — A 23-year-old man blind for a decade can read braille five times as fast now that he can "see" it with the help of a computer he plugs into his brain.

Scientists said last week that the man has been able to recognize vertical and horizontal lines through a small television camera hooked into the computer.

"I never expected anything like it. I was just overwhelmed," said the

patient, describing his experience last August, the first time he had seen light in 10 years.

The experiments are the latest developments in a \$1m. artificial vision project. A research team from the universities of Utah and Western Ontario, Canada, developed the programme and have been testing it with the patient, identified only as "Craig," for six months.

Project director Dr. William H. Dobelle, head of the University of Utah neuroprostheses programme said the research eventually could lead to development of a miniature computer in the frame of a pair of glasses that would be used to convert images seen by an eye socket camera into artificial sight. Dobelle declined to estimate when such devices would be available, but he said they would probably cost

between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

The lights Craig now sees are produced by computer stimulation of 64 pinpoint electrodes implanted on the portion of his brain that controls vision. The platinum electrodes are connected by a tube to a quarter-size socket camouflaged under his hair. A computer programmed to produce braille images is then plugged into the socket.

The braille alphabet normally consists of six raised dots in different configurations. For Craig, the dots are specks of light, which allow him to read about 30 characters a minute, five times faster than he can by touch. Dobelle said.

Craig compared what he sees with time and temperature signs or the numbers on a football scoreboard. He lost his sight after being shot in the head during a saloon brawl.

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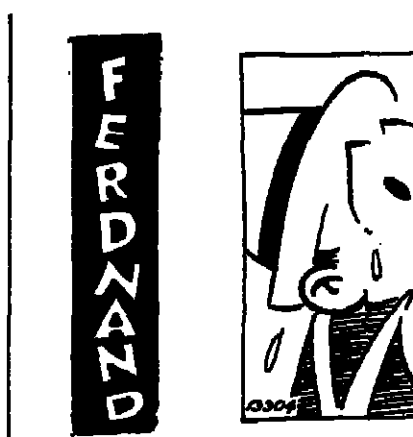
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Smoking a 'joint' of cannabis, and the plant itself.



(Camera Press, UPI)

The risks of hash smoking

By NIGEL HAWKES

LONDON. — AFTER YEARS of controversy and argument, scientific studies are finally beginning to demonstrate that cannabis — otherwise known in its various forms as hash or marijuana or pot — does more than simply provide a risk-free high.

This may come as an unpleasant surprise to those American states — six so far — which have reduced the offence of possession of cannabis to a simple misdemeanour carrying no stigma of a criminal record. It may also give the millions of cannabis users in the Western world pause for thought.

In the past year, a series of studies has been published which seems to confirm that cannabis does have side-effects. As would be expected, it damages the lungs; but more interestingly, it also appears to reduce the efficiency of the reproductive and immune systems, and to reduce performance on a series of psychological tests. Two crucial papers published rather more than a year ago, have now been confirmed by further work in different laboratories.

In one series of experiments, Gabriel Nahas and colleagues from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons showed that regular users of cannabis suffer from

a reduced "immune response" which could make them more vulnerable to infectious disease or cancer. In another, Robert Kolodny of the Reproductive Biology Research Foundation in St. Louis showed that frequent male users of cannabis had reduced sperm counts and lowered levels of hormone testosterone, which could make them infertile or sexually impotent.

Now a further study has been published, in the United Nations Bulletin on Narcotics. It reports the results of a large study involving 850 chronic cannabis users, and 839 "con-

trols", carried out by Professor M.I. Souleif of the University of Cairo. Professor Souleif, a psychologist, put the users and non-users through an identical battery of tests designed to measure their ability at such things as estimation of distance and time, reaction speed, short-term memory and coordination between hand and eye. The results showed that the cannabis users performed consistently more poorly than non-users.

The indications are, then, that cannabis is not the gentle harmless drug well-meaning liberals sometimes claim it is. It may be less harmful than tobacco, it may be worse; the only way of telling is to do a long-term study of a large number of cannabis users and compare their medical histories, life expectancy and predisposition to such things as motor accidents with those of non-users.

The rapid expansion of cannabis use in the Western world — three million Americans use it at least once a day — should provide some epidemiologist with a perfect test-bed. The only drawback is that by the time he has unarguable results, cannabis (like tobacco) may be so firmly entrenched that little can be done to control its use. (C/iss)

IN MEMORIAM

First water engineer

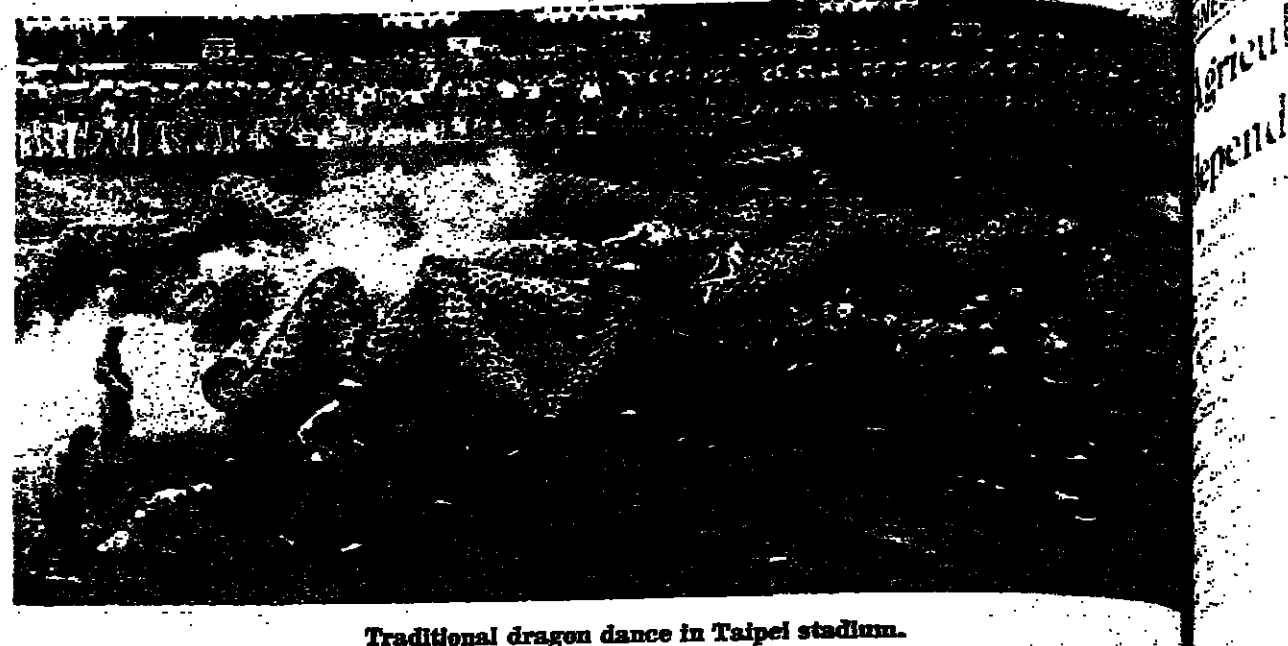
CYRIL HENRIQUES, who died in Nahariya a month ago at the age of 94, was a member of a Sephardi family (which settled in England over 500 years ago) not generally known for its Zionist interests. As such, he was an unexpected but dedicated supporter of the Jewish homeland. Educated at Manchester Grammar School and Clifton, he later studied engineering at the Royal Indian Engineering College and spent the early part of his career in India as an irrigation engineer.

It was on his way back to England in 1922 that he first visited this country. Meeting Dr. Weizmann some afterwards, the two men discussed the problems of arid zones. "Do you know," the Zionist leader said, "that we don't have a single qualified water engineer in the whole of Palestine?" "What about me?" said Henriques, and the compact was sealed with a handshake. For the next four years, Henriques served as engineer to the Palestine Zionist Executive and brought all his knowledge and experience to the task of bringing the Jewish National Home's barren areas back to life.

With the formation of the Hahonim youth movement in England, Henriques acted for several years as its Treasurer and there are many former members in Israel who remember him affectionately from that period. He played a role in anti-Nazi activities, as Hon. Secretary of the Anti-Nazi Council and in 1936 investigated possibilities of settling Jewish refugees in Ecuador.

As he grew older, he paid increasingly frequent visits to Israel until he eventually spent most of his time here, and his spare, upright figure became well known to everyone in Nahariya. He owned an orange grove and often boasted that it was he who had harvested the country's first potato crop.

Charming and witty, he had a fund of stories, ranging from his attendance at Queen Victoria's funeral to dealings with Indian tribesmen. HADASSAH BAT HAIM



Traditional dragon dance in Taipei stadium.

Ushering in the Year of the Dragon

By SASSON JACOBY

NO FESTIVAL in East Asia is celebrated more joyously than the lunar new year, which begins tomorrow, when the Year of the Dragon will chase away the Year of the Rabbit to the thunderous din of exploding firecrackers.

Of course, firecrackers will be set off only in such places as Taiwan (Nationalist China), Hongkong, Singapore and other points throughout the world where overseas Chinese live. Communist China frowns on the festival but allows its 800 million citizens to mark it as a "spring holiday." However the 40 million or so Chinese elsewhere make no bones about noisily celebrating this ancient tradi-

tion going back more than 45 centuries.

Israel has its modest part in this holiday, for the small community of Chinese here (mostly students, restaurant operators and the Chinese wives of a few Israelis) get together for the festive meals.

The lunar new year runs in recurring cycles of 12, designated after domestic, wild or mythical creatures in this order: Dog, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Chicken, Dog and Pig. Each year represents the

characteristics of its respective animal, and the luck and fate of persons, born in such years reckoned in like manner.

Chinese don't mind being born dragon year. Unlike the West, the Chinese dragon is a beneficent creature descended from heaven to protect men from evil and convey good tidings; it was also the trading symbol of Chinese royalty. Dragon figures were once embroidered on the emperor's clothes and their decoration no one else dared touch.

So if you Westerners were born the Year of the Dragon (1964, 1920, 1928, 1916 and 1884) you nothing to worry about: the dragon are fine for you.

A look at the Jews of China

THE JEWISH SCENE
GEOFFREY WIGODER

ACCORDING TO the 1958 Chinese census, there are 18 Jews living in China. A handful lives in Peking, another in Canton, and another in Shanghai. These are the last remnants of a community which numbered 25-30,000 at its peak — in 1941.

Although small numbers of Jews had lived in China before the 20th century, settlement on a large scale only occurred this century. In 1937 some 10,000 Jews (mostly from Russia and other Asian lands) were living there. In the following few years they were joined by some 20,000 refugees from Nazism, and together they endured a difficult wartime period under the Japanese. As soon after the war as possible most moved on elsewhere, and the few Jews now remaining in Communist China are mostly elderly individuals.

An American Jew, Mike Bauer, who recently visited Shanghai relates in an article in the "Jewish Digest" that he went to look for the old synagogue. He found it in a courtyard, still accessible and open, although all religious observances in China are minimal. This had been Shanghai's largest synagogue, seating a thousand, and two balconies for the women, a beautiful bimah, a hand-made wooden ark with two scrolls of the Law. Below the main floor were a number of rooms, including a Bet Midrash with two sets of the Talmud and a good supply of prayerbooks.

The Bet Midrash was in use when he entered — a Jew wearing his tallit and tefillin was concluding his morning prayers. A man of 88 with a largely Chinese face, he explained in halting English (which he had learned as a worker on the Shanghai docks) that he took care of the synagogue. Every day he comes, prays, tidies up, and goes home. He receives retirement pay from the Government and a little extra for the maintenance of the building.

He is the son of a Jewish mother and a Chinese father and records himself as a Jew. His wife is Chinese

and his two daughters are married to Chinese men. He said that there are four or five other Jews in Shanghai who come periodically to the synagogue. They only hold services when there are a sufficient number of foreign visitors.

It should be remembered that a community of 200 lives in Hong Kong. Many of these came from Shanghai and other Chinese communities after World War II. The Hong Kong community was established in the mid-19th century by Jews from Iraq. Most of its Jews are engaged in exporting, importing and trading.

The community has a fine club and a synagogue, which is Sephardi in its customs (although the majority of the Jews are today Ashkenazi) and seats 240 people. It is filled only on Yom Kippur. Services are sometimes held on a Sabbath but it is difficult to raise a minyan. According to one report there has been no intermarriage to speak of, although the Jews mix socially with the Chinese.

The "Jewish Digest" has also painted a picture of another Far East Jewish community — Singapore. Author Terrys O. Glick notes that Jews lived there from the early 19th century. The original Jewish cemetery (not used since 1928) is now right in the centre of the best

shopping district. Part of it was in 1973 for \$1,700,000 (and the investment), but there is now fear of the rest of the plot might be taken over by the government.

The original synagogue, now forty, was soon outgrown and is no longer extant (the district has long since become completely Chinese), but was succeeded, in 1878, is still in use, jointly by Sephardim and Ashkenazim. One can find that developed, sanctioned by rabbi, was riding to Sabbath holiday services in a rickshaw, later in a bus or taxi (provided driver was paid before the Sabbath).

In 1939, there were 1,500 Jews in Singapore. Most were interned by the Japanese and the men had to work in the fields. After the War, many of the Jews emigrated to Australia, England, the U.S. and Israel. One who stayed was Dr. Marshall, son of a Baghdad-Pan-Jewish family, who was in forefront of the fight for independence from Britain. He became the island's first Minister when it achieved independence in 1958.

The post-war community was a Jewish Welfare Board which ministers a home for the aged, assists widows and the Talmud Torah provides basic religious instruction. But the community has dwindled to about 500 and few go to the Talmud Torah. Hahonim movement and the club no longer are in existence. There is no rabbi.

The younger generation, for the most part unskilled and with the sheer lack of numbers cannot compete with the Chinese in the labour market, are emigrating — mainly to Australia. The Jews who remain behind are reasonably well-to-do (although there are some indigent families) but they are nervous. Singapore premier, participating in the 1974 Pan-Islamic conference, there is growing Muslim influence. Thus, here is another community with a big question-mark for the future.

Map unworthy of the Holy City

THE NEW CARTA map of Jerusalem in English, prepared for the Ministry of Tourism, is more than welcome since the city has expanded considerably since the publication of the previous English map in 1973.

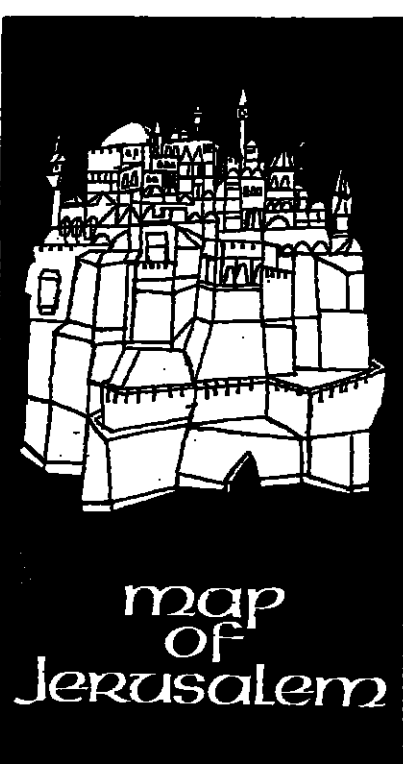
But even though the 1975 map devotes roughly one-third more space to the overall plan of the city than previous biennial editions, the area it encompasses is considerably reduced. The southern and southwestern portions of the city have been expunged entirely, including the venerable Old City. The new neighbourhoods of Gilo, Armon ha-Natziv, Ramot, and Neve Ya'akov are nowhere in evidence.

The annoying practice of labelling neighbourhoods with their official names, rather than with those in general use, has been retained. Thus Talbieh is called QOMEMITYUT, the German Colony is EMBEK REF'AIM, and Musara becomes MORASHA. Sak's is called GE'ULIM, which only creates confusion, since there is a GE'ULA further north. Instead of lettering the various Katamonim, all are indicated as Gonen.

How many people living in the area formerly labelled "French Hill" now say they reside in GIV'AT SHAPPIRA? On previous maps San Stepan appeared as GIV'AT HA-VRADIM. Now that title has been transferred to Rasasa. Giv'at Beit Ha-Kerem has mysteriously reverted to the less appealing SHEKUNAT HAPO'ALIM. YEMIN MOSEH and YEFEN NOF have, at last, made their debuts on the 1975 map, but the whereabouts of Ma'alot Dafna remain a secret.

Since the various estate agencies and classified advertisements invariably list their offerings under the popular name of each neighbourhood, the Jerusalem maps readily confound potential residents. Moreover, all the news media and most books about the city (including guide books) employ the time-honoured designations. If the powers that be insist on forcing the adoption of the official names, so be it. But the colloquial names should at least appear in parentheses.

The blow-up map of the Old City on the reverse side has been improved by the removal of the superfluous pictures of landmarks, by the addition of intelligent indications of many more religious institutions and tourist attractions, and by numbering the Stations of the



By DANIELLA SALTZ

Cross along the Via Dolorosa. On the other hand, a number of street names — including Christian Quarter Road — have been eliminated. The area of the parallel roads and their relationship to the streets leading into the Jewish Quarter are more accurately shown on the 1975 map — as they also were on 19th century maps — but there are mistakes inside Herod's Gate.

Inconsistent Spelling. Previous editions employed a system of transliterations from Hebrew to English that was essentially pragmatic. Thus "K" represented both k and kh, and "T" was used for t and th. Both k and kh were shown by "K" and "T" could be either t or th. The 1975 map, however, is both academically pretentious and highly inconsistent. Clearly the decision was made to represent k by "K", t by "T", and p by "P". Thus EZ HATTIM is offered, but the underlining was left out of HUZOT HA-YOZER.

The two "Q"s of BIKQUR HA-SIC and HA-GIDDEM indicate, of course, that the middle letters of words formed from the p' doubled. Yet the mapmakers failed to apply this rule to the transliterations of FIKQUR HA-MERAZ (instead of Pignat HA-MERAZ) and FIKQUR HA-MERAZ (instead of Pignat HA-MERAZ). Other instances of doubled radicals not due to the are duly pointed out: RAKKEVET, KIKER, AMMINADAV. However MUZZEPH should not have "P"s, since the dagesh in this word is lenis, not fortis.

The archaic pronunciation "vav" as "vav" is preferred in a new map for NEVE SHARON, BAYIT WE-GAN, and YAD VESHEM, but is only half-heartedly used for DOR WE-DORSHAY. Then there is KIKER, KIKER, KIKER (also a "K" would be expected). Another "modernism" slipped in: DAVID HA-MELEKH instead of "David".

The use of the letter "B" in transliterations is most unusual, can stand for a vocal shav, shva, segol, patach, or geresh. As usual, inconsistencies abound. Thus there appears SEIBER, NISSENBAUM, and GIV'AT VRADIM (instead of ha-Werdin) seems to violate two editorial guidelines.

"Foreign" names — Givat Washington, Jabotinsky, Gonen, Rabinovitz, etc. — in general, are mercifully left alone. Hebrew names are another matter. Will the average Anglophone tourist appreciate HIZQUTYAHU HA-MELEKH (Hezekiah's Tunnel)? The "Q" is a nice concession to the rules of English orthography, but totally unwarranted here, and added in the nearby street MEHARAY MATIM.

The transliterations from Hebrew to English are not better. SALAH should be Zalah, since the Arabic word is related to the Hebrew word. This street and AZ-ZAHRA (Zahra) reflect the assimilation of the Arabic name to the Hebrew name, but HARUN EL-RASHID should be HARUN ar-Rashid. These examples of irritating, inconsistent, and aberrant transliterations could be multiplied ad nauseam. The whole, the 1975 map of Jerusalem marks a deterioration in the cartographic tradition of the Holy City.

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SAHARA WAR DRUMS

THE fighting that has erupted between Algeria and Morocco over the Western Sahara, reflects, like the conflict in Lebanon, the continuing deep divisions in the Arab world.

In the case of the Sahara the division, as conceived by the combatants, pits the forces of revolution against the forces of tradition. Algeria has come out in support of the small "liberation movement," Polisario, in Western Sahara whose declared goal is to establish a "People's Republic" in the former Spanish territory.

Morocco, joined by Mauritania, is intent on taking over the phosphate-rich territory itself. An agreement on such a takeover was concluded last November with Spain, and is due to go into effect on February 28th. Moreover it has the support of the vast majority of Western Sahara's inhabitants. For in a meeting of the territorial assembly, 72 of the 102 tribal chiefs represented in the assembly voted in favour of the three-way agreement between Morocco, Mauritania and Spain.

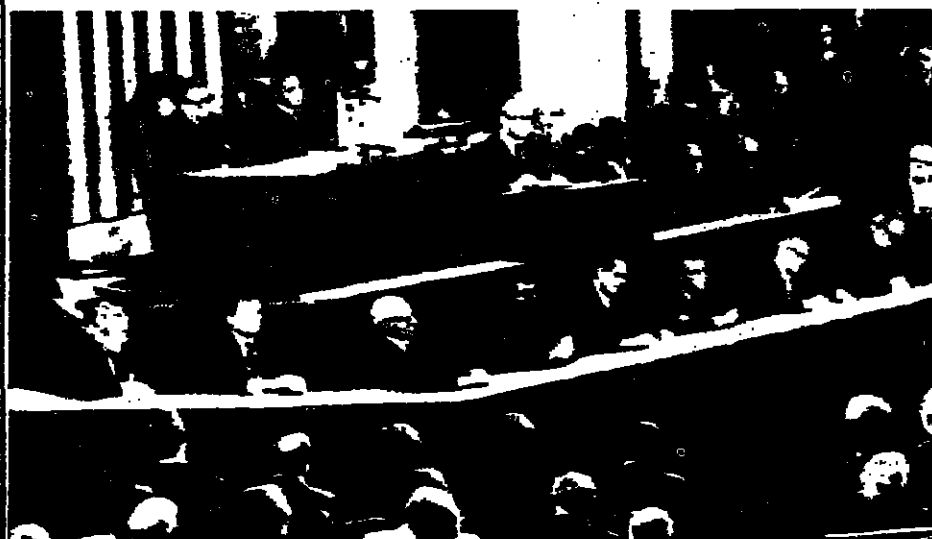
The Moroccans claim that the real culprit in the conflict is the Soviet Union, which is supporting not only Algeria but also the Saharan liberation movement. Striving to consolidate a firm African foothold in Angola, the Soviets, in this view, are pushing for further gains in Sahara.

Except for Libya which support Algeria other Arab countries have, so far, refrained from taking sides, and are intent on preventing full-scale hostilities in the Maghreb. Whether these efforts to keep the lid on will be successful cannot yet be known.

If the situation deteriorates, the clearly demarcated differences between the radical and more conservative regimes in the Arab world would probably come forcefully into play over the Saharan conflict. And for the international community at large there would loom in still another disputed area of Africa the spectre of a Soviet power play.



WASHINGTON VISIT — (from top left) Fords and Rabins on White House Tuesday; Nancy Kissinger and Leah Rabin: Premier addressing joint Congress Wednesday; Ford makes a point; Aides join in discussion (from left) Dimitz, Amos Etzron, Malcolm Toon, Joseph Sisco (back to camera) and Dr. E. at right.



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'The depths of solidarity'

DAVAT (Histadrut) says: "The first days of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's visit to Washington highlight anew the depths of solidarity between the two states on both the popular and the official planes, without blurring over the differences on political issues. These are differences, the paper says, 'that have existed since the Six Day War, but which have been outweighed by the cooperation and close relations...'

The paper notes with satisfaction that the statement issued by the State Department after the Security Council veto "marks a certain negation of the Saunders report, without, however, negating the gap that still exists on the Palestinian issue."

HA'ARETZ (Independent), commenting on the conclusion of the Egged strike, says: "If the Egged strike is ending on the basis of the decision of the Knesset Finance Committee, the Ministerial Committee on Economic Affairs and the recommendations of the Transport Ministry's director — the strike will turn out to have been one more strike of a major enterprise that concludes without the strikers scoring any gains." The paper believes, that, with the terms reached the allocation of far over 115,000, to the bus cooperative is an acceptable solution.

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) remarks: "With the ending of the strike, no solution seems in sight either to the difficulties of the cooperative itself, or of public transport in general. Most of the problems that have caused the strike have not been settled, and may even have been intensified. The strike has proved a failure for all sides — Egged has failed not only in actually declaring the strike but also in its influence on the normal running of public life has proved to be negligible — a discovery that came as a surprise to the cooperative. The Knesset Finance Committee failed in its original incorrect and unworkable resolution, and the Transport Ministry has bungled and for making promises that could not be kept."

READERS' LETTERS

IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING ARABIC

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As the sole member in Israel of the Transport Ticket Society (England), I have been requested to aid in the publication of the Israel section of their catalogue, "Ticket companies and titles."

May I ask any of your readers who have old railroad tickets to please send me a photocopy. Of special interest are issues during the Ottoman and British Military Government periods.

Here with a photocopy of a third class Haifa-Cairo ticket when the fare was LP 1.370. YOSEF SA'AR Eilat, January 18.

RAILROAD TICKETS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your story of January 21 on the adoption by Tipat Halav of the Hebrew University designed "HIPPI" programme for culturally deprived toddlers omitted one fact: that the development and testing of this programme at the University's School of Education was funded by the National Council of Jewish Women in the U.S. It established the Research Institute for Innovation in Education and its partnership with the University in this ongoing effort to "close the gap" in Israel is surely worthy of mention.

BENNY MUSHKIN, Spokesman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 22.

HIPPY

YOSEF AMSTER SHLOMO COHEN ANDRE DELFOUILLE ELLIAU DOY GANAY ZVI HEIMANN AMOS OFFER ERNEST STOCK YOSEF YAKIR (Students in Arabic course, Upan Akiva) Netanya, January 23.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE TWINNING of cities had always seemed to us to be just another gimmick, until we read a copy of the letter which the Mayor of Allentown, Pennsylvania, wrote to President Ford after the anti-Zionist vote at the United Nations and realized the sense of identification and the understanding it can inspire.

The Mayor, Mr. Joseph Daddona, had shortly before come with 67 of his fellow-citizens to visit Tiberias, which is Allentown's twin. During their eight-day tour they had covered the length and breadth of Israel.

"That week," Dr. Daddona wrote to the President of the United States, "was a Sabbath in our lives — a period of beauty, peace and restoration of our own faiths and souls... When we were in Israel, when we were among the Zionists, we could sense we were in a Democracy. The air in Israel crackles with freedom and with energy and with that great pioneering spirit which we as Americans admire so dearly... Maybe I cannot convey adequately in words what it is, but unquestionably Zionism is not racism."

"A Sabbath in our lives" is a memorable phrase. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

On dispensing true justice

Sidra: Mishpatim (Exodus 21:1-24:18) A JUDGE who dispenses true justice becomes a partner in Creation with the Blessed Holy One. For concerning Moses as judge it is written (Exodus 18:13): "...and (the people) stood round him from morning till evening; and concerning Creation it is written (Genesis 1:5): "...and evening came and morning came."

The Blessed Holy One said to the judges: Be careful in dispensing justice, for I sit with you, as said (Psalms 82:1): "God stands in the congregation of God." And "you shall dispense justice without fear or favour" (Deuteronomy 1:17). And we read that Jehoshaphat King of Judah said to the judges he appointed (II Chronicles 19:6): "Be careful what you do; you are there as judges to please not man but God. Who with you when you dispense justice?" And God says (Isaiah 61:5): "For God, love justice," and if you pervert justice, it is Me you pervert. Jerusalem was destroyed only because they perverted justice, as said (Isaiah 1:23): "Your very rulers are rebels, confederates with thieves, every one of them a lover of bribes, itching for payoffs..." (Midrash Aggadah, Mishpatim, 21:1; Midrash Tehillim 84:1).

When the Romans were about to execute Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel, Rabbi Yishmael, Rabbi Shimon said to Rabbi Yishmael: "If only I knew why I am to be killed!" Rabbi Yishmael said to him: "Did you ever come to you for a judgement, and you asked him to wait till you finished drinking, or till you had adjusted your sandal, or till you had on your cloak? And does the Torah not say (Exodus 22:24): 'If you lend them in any way... My anger will be roused and I will kill you with sword'?" (Midrash Aggadah, Mishpatim, 22:21; Mechilta Derash Yishmael, Mishpatim, 18; Avot Derabbi Nathan, version A, 38, and version B, 42).

YALKEUT SHIMONI comments on tomorrow's Haftara (I Samuel 8:4-22): The severity of the fathers, which sets people straight, is preferable to the easygoingness of the sons, which leads to laxity (Berachot 55a:10).

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